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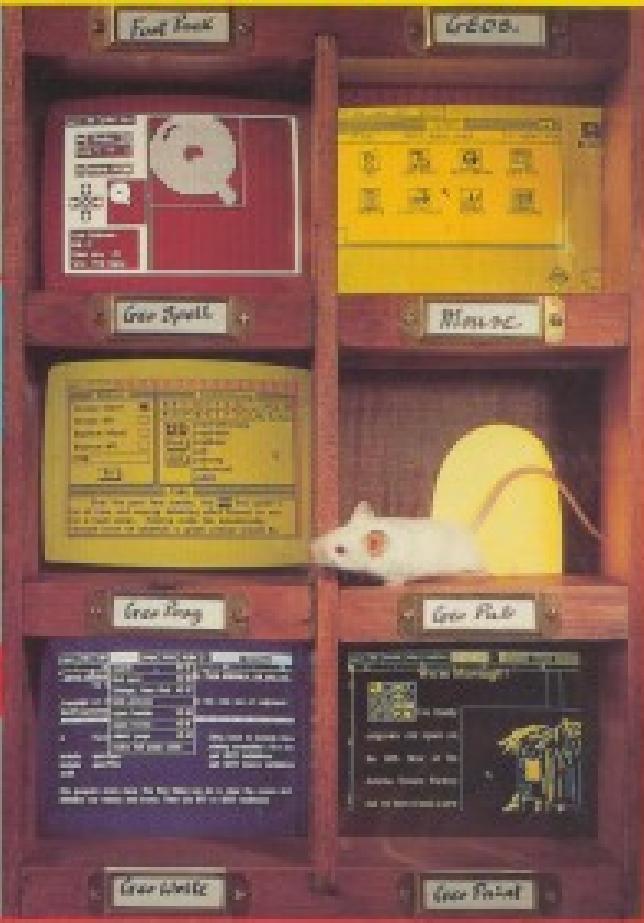
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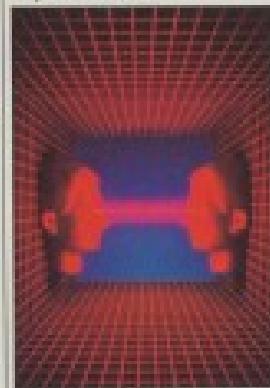
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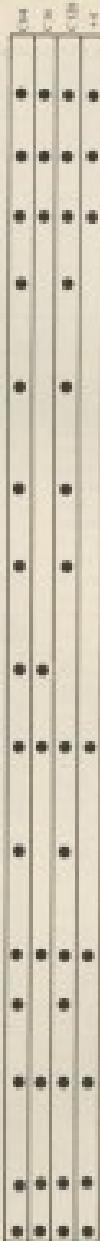
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DATA STATEMENTS

Commodore Beats Amstrad!

COMMODORE HAVE announced a dramatic price cut on their PC1 personal computer, from £499.99 to £399.99, including monitor, Ami6 software and VAT. This puts the Commodore PC1 some £50 more attractive than Amstrad's comparable machine, and makes it the cheapest PC

'show' on the market in this country! The PC1 uses an 8MHz processor running at 4.77MHz, and comes with the usual 256K RAM, expandable to 640K. Ready to run business software, MS-DOS 3.2 and a built-in 3½" 300K floppy complete the picture.

The PC1 is probably one of the

smallest desktop systems around, measuring just 12 inches square, it should prove popular with those short of desk space. The Ami6 software includes wordprocessing, spreadsheet and database management software.

The half is your coat, Amstrad....

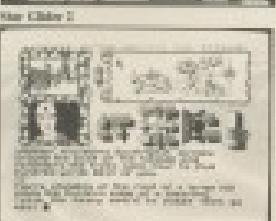
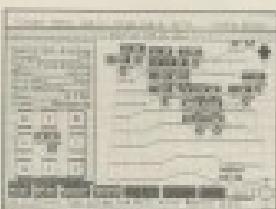
Busby gets Busy on Amiga

TELECOMSOFT have been busy this month with five major game releases for the Amiga from Rainbird and another two from Firebird. Rainbird's jewel in the crown is undoubtedly *Scalpelot 2*, the sequel to the Star's blockbuster, *Scalpelot*. Your mission (should you choose to accept it) is to annihilate the Egygian army encamped for all, and destroy the beam projector on their home planet, Novaria. The odds are stacked against you, you can only enter Egygian systems unarmed. On top of that, your Radiacarus projectile is on the blink and it's generating some pretty hairy images of hideous monsters and mutated creatures.

Next up, *CARRIER COMMAND*, a strategic titton 'em up on the high seas. Take the helm of a futuristic aircraft carrier complete with fighter planes and amphibious assault craft. Whether you attack the enemy installations such as planes, tanks or both, you'll have to use the gamut of surface to surface and surface to air missiles, lasers and energy tanks and planes.

Legend of the Sword, a mega-adventure game, tells of the trials and tribulations of Asur, a mythical sword and a shield whose magical aura protected the inhabitants of Asur for many centuries. But now Asur has been plunged into a state of turmoil and lead by an invading force of telepathic engineers - dops, mutated humanoids under the evil wizard Sutor. Only with the combined powers of the sword and shield is it possible to defeat the dark forces.

Where did Napoleon keep his armies? Up he served! This could be your chance to find out for yourself! The Universal Military Simulator is an entirely new concept in war games. Re-enact some of the world's greatest



Universal Military Simulator

military conflicts including the battle of Hastings, Marathon, Waterloo and Gettysburg against the computer or with a friend. The graphics are rendered to be impressive in 3-D, view from any angle, or zoom in for a spot-check on your troops. You're not stuck with 'real' battles, you can create your own situations, maps and armies, even match heroes from different time zones! How would you like to pit Napoleon's Desert Rats against Alexander the Great?

Firebird's first contribution this month is a superb 3-D shoot 'em up by David Braben, co-author of *Elite*. *Virus* is actually a succession of Zards, currently knocking 'em dead at the Archimedes. Invading aliens are attacking your planet, polluting the surface with a deadly virus. Your job is to destroy the alien craft and thus prevent the spread of the virus. Having seen the Archimedes version, I can't wait to see it on the Amiga.

Also from Firebird is *Wingpig*, a space battle extravaganza. *Wingpig* tells the story of ships with brains, kept alive and mechanically healthy by slaves - small humanoid bio-things, slaving around the ships to tend to their every need. You are determined to steal the *ta te ho* (7) and boldly task our brave new worlds. The *Wingpig* is actually an intergalactic short-cut to other worlds and zones, but you'll need to blast your way through fleets of alien spaceships, picking up new weapons as you go....

Touchline: *Scalpelot 2*, *CARRIER COMMAND*, *Legend of the Sword* and *Universal Military Simulator*, all at £24.99 each, from Rainbird. *Virus* and *Wingpig* over £29.99 each, from Firebird.

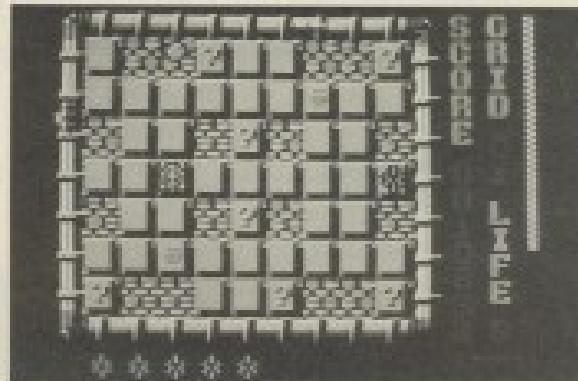
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Commodore v Chelsea

THOUGH COMMODORE are to be commended for their sponsorship of Chelsea FC, recent events must pose a dilemma for both company and club. The appalling behaviour of Chelsea supporters at the recent play-offs against Middlesbrough not only reflects badly on both of the football clubs but also on the companies who support them.

The television coverage showed the full horror of the incident as Chelsea supporters ranged across the pitch towards the Middlesbrough supporters. Projectiles, punches and abuse were thrown with equal abandon as police failed to control the melee. The greater tragedy is that this incident not only discredits football in this country but will also feature strongly in the European debate on the necessity of English clubs entering full international competition regardless. During this debate the video recording of the incident will no doubt be shown and rehashed with Commodore's name featuring strongly and receiving some of the最糟糕的 abuse. Substantial though this inference may be, it will exist. Can Commodore afford to be associated with a team who is supported by a strong football element?

Chelsea and other League clubs maintain that they are doing



Opus! News from The Big Apple

'Opus!', a thoroughly addictive arcade style game, the first offering from London's newest software house is about to hit the streets. The Big Apple latest plan to release several more titles in the near future, watch out for

everything humanly possible to eradicate the violent element from the sport but this is blatantly not working. Whether Commodore can afford to maintain their support in their devices, Chelsea cannot be held totally responsible for their fans at all times but the sponsor must ensure that more is done both for the reputation of English football and the honour of the company name.

Delphine and Novena on all formats in the near future. *Opus!* is available mid-June on the C64 (19.95) and Amiga (19.95).

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Programmer's
Olympics

THE FIRST COMPUTER Olympiad is all set for August, at London's prestigious Park Lane Hotel. For the first time, you will be able to see machine pitted against machine, program against program, and journalists against the bar! This unique event will feature tournaments in chess, bridge, backgammon, draughts, poker, and many other 'thinking' games, the human operators doing no more than setting their own computers what moves have been made by their opponents.

The first London Conference on Computer Games will take place as part of the Olympiad chaired by Professor Tony Mansfield from the computing science department of the University of Alberta, Canada, papers will be invited on all aspects of programming computers to play thinking/games.

The Computer Olympiad is organised by International Chess Master David Levy, who is president of the International Computer Chess Association. Anyone wanting further information on the event should send a large stamped addressed envelope to: Computer Olympiad, 11 London Road, London NW1 8LP.

Electronic Arts in \$7.3
Million Lawsuit

BETHESDA SOFTWARES, developer of Gridiron (an American football simulator), is accusing California based software publisher and distributor Electronic Arts of forcing their game off the market. Bethesda claim that Electronic Arts offered them five development and distribution contracts in order to prevent their own American football game, 'John Madden Football'.

Under the 1987 contract, Electronic Arts gained exclusive marketing rights to the Amiga and Atari ST versions of Gridiron and prohibited Bethesda from developing it for any other computer, according

to documents filed in the California federal court.

As a condition of the marketing agreement, Electronic Arts also called for major parts of Gridiron to be incorporated into a new game featuring former Oakland Raiders coach and current CBS commentator, John Madden, according to Bethesda's suit.

In a nutshell, Bethesda Software are accusing Electronic Arts of coming there introducing Gridiron, and then using the game as a basis for their own 'John Madden Football'. Would anyone from Electronic Arts care to reply?

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The Graphic Environment Operating System, that was once set to be bundled with the Commodore 64C has at last come of age

In its original format GEOS consisted of a single disk that contained the Amiga-style desktop as well as GeoWrite and GeoPaint application programs. However, there were incredibly basic programs and were little more than demonstrations of what could be done with a GEOS environment.

In December 1986, Berkeley Softworks, the author of GEOS, released GEOS 1.2 with updated versions of GeoWrite and GeoPaint and also the Writer's Workshop (named GeoWrite 2.0), a full wordprocessor; Fontpack 1 (28 new fonts); GeoDisk (local disk system); Desktop (calculator, graphics grabber and icon editor) applications which were followed later by a full database program, GeoFile and GeoCalc the spreadsheet.

Armed with all these a dedicated user could turn GEOS into a workable system, however you were soon confronted by its limitations.

Now, four major factors have come together which will expand the use and variety of GEOS. Firstly, Berkeley Softworks has made further improvements to existing packages and has added more to the range including GeoPublsh, GeoGraf and GeoProgrammer. Secondly, this expanding GEOS range is now being distributed in greater quantities through a joint venture with Microgen UK which has meant dramatic cuts in costs. Thirdly, GEOS is being bundled with new disk drives such as those supplied by Western Micros and finally in this article we review the first third party books and software.

What is GEOS?

GEOS is a C64 and now C128 disk operating system that attempts to mimic the icons, pull down menus and windows style graphics popular on machines such as the Apple Macintosh, Atari ST and Amiga. It's a "You go, what you see" or "If you

want it, click it" system where a click of a mouse or joystick button can load in files, select options or swap disks.

Each package or program that you add to the system must be installed or keyed into your own copy of GEOS. This not only prevents piracy, but is the beginning of a mass file copy session in which you create work disks containing all the programs, files and type fonts you will need.

This is important as GEOS is a fully integrated system in which you could create graphics in GeoPaint or grab them from Paint Shop, Paint Master or Newspaper disks and mix them with text in GeoWrite documents which can then be used for a standard letter sent by GeoMerge to some or all of the names and addresses stored in a GeoFile database or GeoBox card file.

Upgrades

1988 sees a more streamlined GEOS system with many of the old upgrades now included in the new standard pack. GEOS 1.2 is now supplied on two disks so you now have an automatic backup copy (since it's been breached) and a half-in disk, very useful in ease the creation of

GEOS

work disks. This is all backed up by an improved and enlarged manual.

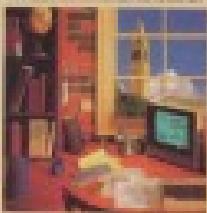
The new GEOS system and all subsequent application programs including the ones mentioned below include the 1.2 version of Desktop as standard with its familiar icons and keyboard shortcuts. For frequently used commands such as opening or closing disks, pressing two keys is a lot faster than selecting options from pull down menus. In true GEOS style the keyboard shortcuts aren't buried away in a manual but are alongside the appropriate function or command in the menu.

Desktop 1.2 also includes more printer drivers so that more printers and interfaces can now be used to produce GEOS text and graphics. A full table and guide to help you install the right printer driver are included in the manual.

Fontpack Plus is the updated version of Desktop and includes the original combination of Calisto, Icons Editor, BlackJack and Graffiti Grabber but now also includes the Graffiti and GeoMerge programs that were sold separately as GeoBox.

Similarly, the old Writer's Workshop has been updated to form the GeoWrite Workshop which is now available in both C64 and C128.

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versions and has the additional ability to include customized borders, and boxes and three types of pointers in almost any shape or size.

Expanding the Range

Burkely Software has released four new packages to extend the GEOS range - GeoPublish, GeoSpell, Fontpack Plus and GeoProgrammes.

GeoPublish adds a full desktop publishing to the GEOS range and can be used to create newsletters and magazines.

Creating a page or a longer magazine couldn't be easier as each copy is described in detail in the manual and demonstrated through worked examples.

Before the task can begin you must design a master page format by deciding the height of the headline, where will appear at the foot of each page and the number and size of the columns of text. This can range from single column spread across the page at full, three or four thinner columns for a more professional look.

Once you have created master page formats, or selected one of the sample formats included on the GeoPublish disk you're ready to make up the pages.

Switching to Page Layout mode allows you to look at parts of the page and assign them to other text or graphics. You don't actually have to type in the text, you simply assign a file either created by GeoWrite or converted by the text grabber. GeoPublish will then point the text in the space you've allocated with any remaining words carried onto the next page.

Naturally, you can assign a space for graphics and then fit it with anything stored in a GEOS picture album. These can range from GeoPaint masterpieces to clip art "published" from Newsletter, Print Master or Print Shop.

That's only half the story as each box can be moved to anywhere on the screen, altered in size and shape and filled with a picture that can be cut or dropped to fit, reduced to fit or stretched to fit the allocated space.

Whatever you change a page layout, GeoPublish automatically re-instantiates it each time through the pages leaving you no constraints on the design and layout.

GeoPublish introduces a new command tool to the existing pull-down menus and dialogue boxes which usually find you forgetful buttons that can be used to select brush widths and fill

patterns. This is a toolbox which contains up to 12 icons representing additional commands that are specific to the screen mode you are in and are activated by a simple click of a joystick or mouse button. They are at first confusing and will have you diving for the manual, as you create your first masterpiece, but they soon become second nature and you wonder how you ever managed without them.

Now with the page filled with all the text running nicely around the appropriate graphics you can add a headline tag to PC print 20, inch high-on-screen to edit part of a page.

To edit words you can add and delete words and even change the font and point size to add cross-heads and captions to your text and graphics. You can also use a mini graphics utility to add the float features such as ruled lines, circles or boxes that can be drawn in a variety of thicknesses and filled in a selection of patterns.

The final result should be a masterpiece, if not you can add or edit it or start again and then print it out on a dot matrix printer or through LaserPublish and colour printer which will greatly improve its appearance. The text as above as it sounds in the words and pictures will still be saved on disk files, as GeoPublish only decides the order and positions that they are used in.

Fontpack Plus can improve the style and variety of any GEOS document as it includes 43 new fonts and six of the best from Fontpack I.

These new fonts include some that consist of symbols instead of letters and numbers so you can easily add scientific and electronic notations as well as tree, musical notes and flower contents. In other words everything including the kitchen sink!

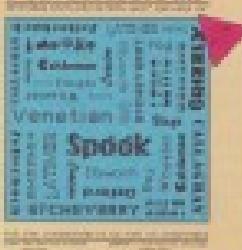
If a total of 21 fonts isn't enough, and it should be for most CoCo3 documents, and to spruce up your GeoPublish pages that you can create your own with CreateIt, which is also included on the Fontpack Plus disk.

This works the same as any character editor and can either be used

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To allow existing hosts to no longer run their own bidding policies which can add latency, you can add the `no-bidder` directive to `HTCOS`.

GeoSpell also includes GeoPrint as well as a 28,000 word, adjustable spell checker which can be used to correct even the most spelling mistakes in any GeoMovie file including any grabbed by the word grabber and converted to GeoMovie format.

Twenty-eight thousand may sound a little low for a dictionary but you can freely add words to your dictionary and swap between them as well.

GenSpell takes up for this apparent lack of sounds through one of two as follows: if it finds a word it doesn't know you have the choice to accept it as it is, use the alphabetic keys to search for any word that might be stored in any of your dictionaries or use the F2/END key to produce a scrolling list of possible options that you then have to replace the word as well as every other line that word appears.

The transition from the very friendly and user application Geo-Spell to the more fully language development package GeoProgrammer is about the same as in the first case.

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GeoProgrammer is a scaled-down version of Berkeley Software's own UNIX development system and can be used to create GDBS application programs. The program is supported by a massive 400-page manual that describes in great detail the three parts of the system: *GeoAssembler*, *GeoLinker* and *GeoDebugger*.

Assembly: takes assembly language and creates executable object files which are then linked by **Linker** to form either

Becker BASIC

For programming applications under OS/360



Abacus 

stand alone C/C++ programs or OpenGL applications, that can be tested by OpenGL Debugger which allows you to instantly toggle between the OpenGL rendering events and the traditional debugger.

Each section builds an impressive range of features such as the support for everyday modules in CloudBees and CloudBeautifier's 80 commands that allow you to assemble, disassemble, single step, display variables and set breakpoints.

One downside to writing into a normal Gpx/Wkf file is you can add different layers to make your code easier to understand without affecting the code. For example, you could highlight labels in tables or regions if you really want them to stand out! You can even use the D3dx Pack Icon Editor to create icons and GxGifiles for graphics which are automatically converted into binary data.

If you don't think you're ready for *GeoProgrammer*, then *Beginner Basic* would be more your style.

The "Showcase" book series

now present as one of the first phases of third party software and brings the ability to create CDE-style programs complete with pull-down menus, scroll and dialogue boxes in the results of calculations.

GEOS

Friends & Family



Becker Basic consists of 273 new commands that are used in the input and testing systems to create a Becker Basic program that can then be run as a GEOS application by double clicking its desktop icon or run on its own through the third part of the program.

Each of these commands can be renamed so their actions can be made clearer. For example, PRINT could become OUTPUT or even PAPER. This may not seem important but a running session could save you a lot of time looking in the manual for the right command.

These commands include programming tools such as TRACE, and RENUMBER, structured programming controls IF/THEN/ELSE, REPEAT, WHILE and LOOP, 25 commands to create and move sprites and 18 to create the modulations, after the others, change the waveforms and set the envelopes to make beautiful music.

The menus and dialogue boxes that will give your programs that GEOS touch are built and added to your program through the pull-down menu and dialogue box construction sets.

With GEOS and Becker Basic in memory it is quite remarkable that there is 16K remaining for your program. However, if you add pull-down menus and dialogue boxes to your code you'll be left with about 1K as they require a second 16x16 bitmap. Conversely, if you avoid these graphics altogether you would gain an extra 1K but the result wouldn't be a GEOS program.

Creating a pull-down menu or dialogue box couldn't be simpler as the construction set generates the code you need and saves it on disk in response to simple questions such as the number of menu items or dialogue box options and the text they should contain.

You can even have sub-menus for your pull-down menus that can run either horizontally or vertically down across the screen.

Dialogue boxes can include up to six options ranging from you as not to which way to go at a junction in an adventure. A simple branch command will then direct the program to the right section of code.

How at last are two different ways to create GEOS programs, GeoProgrammer for the assembler and Becker Basic for the others. Both offer ease of use and the chance to

use GEOS's menus and boxes in their programs. These not only provide two good ways of programming on the C64 but also opens the door for more GEOS applications.

GEOS Books

The Official GEOS Programmers Reference Guide, published by Random Computer Books, is the official source of facts and addresses for programmers who wish to delve into GEOS without the aid of *GeoProgrammer*.

Armed with this manual the assembler programmer can unlock the GEOS menu routines to create menus, menus, dialogue boxes, fonts as well as new pointer interfaces, graphics libraries and multi-tasking applications.

Four hundred and fifty pages that can provide the GEOS equivalent to the C64 Programmers reference guide. Having said that, it shouldn't scare off first time assembler programmers as the book describes these routines through labels that are indexed at the end of the book, and therefore can be substituted for the hex equivalents when you start coding.

GEOS Tricks and Tips, from Abacus the company behind Becker Basic, covers the whole spectrum of GEOS from hints and tips for *GeoWrite* and *GeoPaint* users, a guide for programmers and listings for these GEOS programs.

The hints and tips cover common sense and shortcuts which make using GEOS programs a lot easier, such as writing your own error messages and creating *GeoWrite* form letters.

If you tire of the 50 hints and tips crammed into the book you could type in either a converter or doct editor which do the same job as *GeoPaint* and the Diskpatch's text grabber or tackle Edison, a machine code monitor to delve into programming and converting GEOS.

This new breed of GEOS activity which has included the development of a GEOS desktop publisher and spellchecker, the release of programming tools backed up with information aimed at every level of user will ensure more and more interest in this valuable but underated operating system.

GEOS has now evolved from a政权 to some 16 bit machines to a system with its own wordprocessor complete with spellchecker, spreadsheet, graphics package, database and DTP package and also has the ability to incorporate other programs, files and pictures into the system.

To paraphrase someone who was actually describing the Amiga (but no equally appropriate here), GEOS was first a child full of promise but couldn't stand on its own, then it was a teenager and becomes more organised and useful but still capable of throwing the occasional tantrum, now it has come of age.

Supplier: Microprose UK, 1, Market Place, Tisbury,
Wiltshire
Tel: 0722 54326

Becker Basic (with software)	
GEOS Tricks and Tips	£11.95
The Official GEOS Programmers Reference Guide	£17.95
GEOS 1.3	£29.95
GeoCalc	£29.95
GeoPublish	£29.95
GeoPrint Workshop	£24.95
FontPack 3	£18.95
FontPack Plus	£24.95
GeoProgrammer	£59.95
GeoFile	£29.95
GeoSpell	£19.95
DeskPack Plus	£24.95
GEOS 1.2	£29.95
GeoWrite Workshop 1.2	£29.95
GeoCalc 1.28	£29.95
GeoFile 1.28	£29.95

Keep it Simple

Give your Plus/4 an Amiga style environment

By Mark Everingham

Rather prosaically, this program is called SIMPLE, an acronym for Simple, Icons, Menus, Pointers, Language and Extension. This is an extension to the normal BASIC language allowing you to write programs operating in a similar way to the WIMP and GEM systems but using the keyboard or a joystick in place of a mouse. It consists of a library of thirteen machine code routines called by the usual SYS command which enable you to perform such functions as handling a pointer, drawing windows, and generating pull-down menus.

The pointer is a sprite - usually arrow-shaped which forms the heart of the system. It is moved around the screen (known as the Desktop) and used to select functions of the software simply by pointing at words or pictures.

Pointers are the pictures mentioned before, representing actions within a program. These actions are performed by moving the pointer over the picture and pressing the select button.

Windows are areas of the screen separated from the rest of it by a border. All work goes on within them and they may be closed to leave the screen below intact.

Pull-Down Menus are lists of options which are pulled-down from a menu bar at the head of the screen. A cursor video line is then moved up and down the menu, and the select key pressed to select an option. Then, the menu may be dismissed from the screen.

Now that we all know what we're talking about, I will describe the different commands of SIMPLE in detail. Also included is a reference table (Figure 1) of start addresses, symbols, and other relevant information.

Commands

Basic does not need any extra parameters and draws the screen to the grey "Checkerboard" pattern commonly used in mouse-driven software. The desk-pattern is stored in the Character Code 64 and this can be modified to create different desk patterns. For example:

10 desk=1204
20 sys desk

AMENTI "Menu Master" prints the heading for the pulldown menus at the top of the screen. The heading may

be up to 31 characters long, for example:

10 menu=5234menu:
20 sys menu "Menu1 Menu2 Menu3"

Save & Fetch respectively store the current screen in RAM, and bring it back again. They do not require any parameters and you can only have one screen stored at a time. For example:

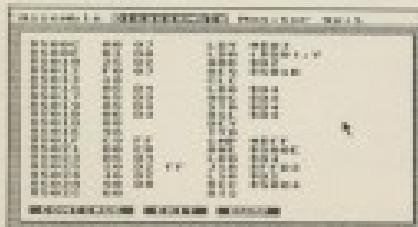
10 scr=5211: save=5316: desk=5304
20 keysys scr
30 sys desk chart1,1,1, "Press any key to see keys."
40 getkey 15keys fetch

ICONload will point an icon on the screen at any test position, "x" is the x-coordinate, "y" is the y-coordinate, and "i" is the icon number. The ranges for these parameters are as follows:

-1 < x < 30 - Range of X-Coordinate.
-1 < y < 24 - Range of Y-Coordinate.
-1 < i < 13 - Range of icon number.

For example:

10 icon=5214:desk=5304
20 sys desk
30 iconload(15)*30: iconload(15)*31: iconload(15)



```
10 cls(x,y)
20 goto 30
```

WINDOW(x,y,w,h) requires four parameters and will set-up a window on the screen, draw a border, and clear the window. 'x' and 'y' are the coordinates of the top-left corner of the window, 'w' is the width of the window, and 'h' is the height of the window. The ranges for these are as follows:

-1 < x < 18 - Range of X-Coordinate
 -1 < y < 23 - Range of Y-Coordinate
 0 < w < 240 - Range of Width
 0 < h < 240 - Range of Height

For example:

```
10 window(54)disk=1204
20 sys disk
30 sys window(1,2,18,18): print
"Window #1"
40 sys window(10,10,10,10): print
"Window #2"
```

POSITION(x,y) simply sets the coordinates of the pointer to the inserted values. It is used in conjunction with the **LLOOP** command to set the start position of the movement. 'x' and 'y' are the coordinates of the pointer and are in the range below:

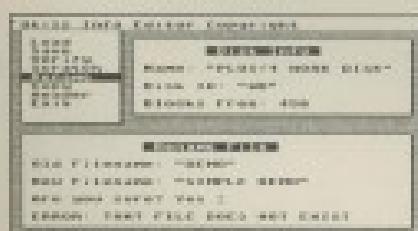
-1 < x < 40 - Range of X-Coordinate
 -1 < y < 24 - Range of Y-Coordinate

For example:

```
10 pos(59)
20 input "Pointer Coordinates": x,y
30 sys pos(x,y)
40 ? "The Pointer is at" x,y
```

SHOW & HIDE respectively print and erase the pointer. When **SHOW** is executed, the two characters under the pointer are saved before it is printed. **HIDE** then retrieves the characters and puts them back on the screen.

For example:



```
10 disk=1204: print 5991: show 3618:
hide 2680
20 sys disk:sys print,28,12
30 char 1,1,"A Flashing pointer!"
40 sys showcards 80
50 sys hide,goat 40:goto 40
60 for t=1 to 200:next t:return
```

SPEED - as all the routines are written in machine code, if there were not a delay loop in the routine to move the pointer etc., it would zip-around the screen and be totally uncontrollable. Also, people have different reaction times, and may prefer to have the pointer moving at a slower speed than others. This command will determine how slow or fast the the pointer moves. 'v' which is the speed, must be in the range below:

-1 < v < 128 - Higher the value, lower the speed.

For example:

```
10 disk=1204: print 5991: speed=1722:
move=5729
20 waitinput "Pointer Speed":v
30 if v>0 then stop
40 sys speed,v:sys disk:sys print,28,12
50 sys move=20
```

MENU is the most important command in SIMPLE's vocabulary. It draws the pointer, and allows it to be moved around the screen and the select button is pressed without erasing everything it moves over. For an example of it in use, see **SPREAD**.

MAKE "Optional/Optional/Optional...#", sets up a pull-down menu. Pull-down menus have a fixed size of 8 by 9 characters, with up to eight options, and the last option is always 'Exit'. Each line of option text must

be separated by a '\n' character, 'm' is the menu number and 'Y' is the x-coordinate at which you wish the menu to be pulled down.

"01,12162..." - 12 Characters - Options text length.
 -1 < m < 4 - Menu number.
 -1 < i < 31 - Tab position.

For example:

```
10 make:5991
20 sys make "These are the options:
for menu number caught":0,1
30 print "Type in 1001"
40 menu1
```

PULL, in pull-down menu number 'm' and allows you to select an option by moving the cursor-slide bar up and down, then pressing the select button. The parameter range is shown below:

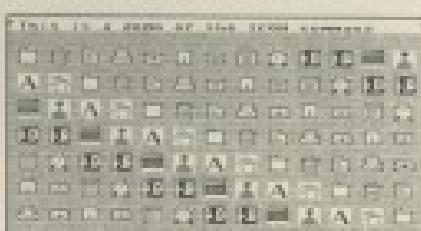
-1 < m < 4 - Range of Menu number.

For example:

```
10 disk=1204: menu=5234:
make:5817: move=5129: path=9917:
file=2680: scr=5281: funds=5114
20 sys disk:sys menu 79,1,2,7
30 sys make "Menu 3 Op1/Op2/Op3/Op4/Op5/Op6/Op7/Op8":7,1
40 sys make "Menu 3 Op1/Op2/Op3/Op4/Op5/Op6/Op7/Op8":1,2
50 sys make "Menu 3 Op1/Op2/Op3/Op4/Op5/Op6/Op7/Op8":2,2
60 sys make "Menu 3 Op1/Op2/Op3/Op4/Op5/Op6/Op7/Op8":3,2
70 sys move 20:pos(21,6):print(127)
80 sys hide,goat 40:goto 79
90 if peek(3072)>1040 then 79
100 sys move pull,sys funds:got1:sys 79
```

In Use

ENABLE/DISABLE respectively enable, and disable the interrupt which keeps the character-set pointers



Screen-Code	Function
64	Deck Pointer
91-92	Pointer on a plain background
93-94	Pointer on a dark background
95	The Bar (16x1 point)
96-97	Border character for menu heading
98-100	Normal characters for windows

Figure 1

pointing to the SIMPLE font. This is so that when you make a mistake in a program, the screen doesn't clear to a interlocutor-type mess!

For example:

```
10 SYS 6485
20 SYS 6494END
```

Type RUN 10 then type some rubbish. The screen will blank, and your error will be displayed.

Type RUN 20 then type some rubbish. The screen will go crazy! Type RUN 10 to re-enable the interrupt.

Coordinate Setting - after a MOVE or POSITION command, locations \$D8 and \$D9 hold the current coordinates of the pointer. Thus, they can also be changed by POKEing directly.

Option Setting - after a FULL command, the Option that was selected is stored in \$D9 - the Y-Coordinate of the pointer. This is so that the pointer remains in a logical place after pulling up a menu-draw. Before moving the pointer again, you must either assign the option number to a variable or move it elsewhere in RAM.

The SIMPLE Font - to improve the Reverse Video, and create a space for icons, a new font is defined by SIMPLE starting at the address \$2000. This font can be redefined in the usual way by using a Character Designer.

The Icons - to squish all fifteen icons into a character set, the characters which make up the icons are not stored in a strict sequential order - they skip around alphanumerics etc... For a list of screen codes which make up each icon, see the reference table (Figure 1). Again, these can be redefined using a Character Designer.

Special Characters - there are some character codes which are neither icons or normal alphanumerics characters. These are shown below:

Using the Demonstration Program

Before typing the demonstration program in, you must set the bottom of memory pointers as explained previously. The program starts by loading the code file "simple" which should already have been saved as explained before. Tape users must change line 80 to:

```
10 IF C=0 THEN C=LOAD "SIMPLE",1
```

Once the program has been run, you can move the pointer anywhere on the screen. Experiment with pressing the select button. You will find that everything on screen will give a reaction of some kind!

Clicking on one of the icons at the base of the screen will result in a small window to indicate what each icon represents. Clicking on the deck-top, title-window, or menu-header will have the same result.

The first pull-down menu has four items: Screen, Pointer, Data, and Cookies. The first three consist of lists of the SIMPLE routines. Selecting any of these will show a large window telling you the syntax, or of the routine. These windows are closed by clicking on the reverse-video button saying "OK".

The fourth pull-down menu has four options: Input, Setup, Info, and Quit. By selecting Input, you can choose whether to use Joystick or Keyboard. This is done by clicking on the relevant icon.

When you select Speed, a window will appear in the centre of the screen with a bar showing the present speed. You can change this setting by pointing at the position on the bar corresponding to the required speed.

Selecting Info just shows a window of general information about the program, which is covered by clicking on OK in the usual way.

Finally, selecting Quit will exit the program and reset the computer, but be warned the user performed in a cold one, and the program cannot be recovered.

Please note that it would be interesting to see any programs you write using SIMPLE. You can send these to me at the address below, on tape or disk, enclosing an SAE. Send to: Mark Deringham, 17 Collingswood Road, Redland, Bristol, BS6 6PD. To See Listings on page 73

Sprite Library

This month our Sprite Library series takes to the sky with jets, helicopters and hang-gliders

By Mike Benn



This month the Sprite Library will take to the air in three different forms of transport. Starting with a small jet followed by a helicopter flight and finally a white two-seater under a hang-glider. Both the plane and the helicopter approach the viewer from the distance and turn to the right. The hang-glider is not infinite in space but it permits. However, there should be enough key frames for you to fill in the missing animation.

All the sprite definitions require two sprites:

Getting It all In

Type in the basic loader as published and SAVE IT-DON'T RUN IT or a will self destruct. Before running the loader program you will need to reset the computer and type the following: POR 843.0 POR 844.84 POR 843.84 P S2W and press return.

This will trick the computer into believing that the basic page starts at \$4000 instead of \$2000. Load in the basic loader and run it. If error free, the program will automatically save itself as a block of data. If you reload that data in the future remember to add a 1 after the device number. The data is saved in the following location \$2000-\$3119.

The sprites run from 100 to 323 in a compromise to avoid the area \$2000 traditionally set aside for defined character graphics and to avoid the need of typing in line after line of data.

If only one or two sprites are required then use the following formula: (Sprite block No.-100)*10 + 10 = the data line number at which that sprite blocks data starts. Remember to type in the following three lines of data and place the variable BL to the number of data lines you have in your finished program, less 1.

The usual basic program AIR-CRAFT-DISPLAY will variably animate the sprites in both non-expanded format on the screen simultaneously. To hold a sprite enter the same number for Start and End.

Any Sprite Editor program will enable you to change and adapt the individual sprites to your own requirements.

See Ratings on page 72

BIN	DECIMAL	DESCRIPTION
AH-BT	100-103	Jet plane approaching and turning to the right
BS-CA	104-200	Helicopter approaching and turning to the right
CB-CH	105-195	Helicopter blades turning while helicopter boxes facing the viewer
CA-CT	200-300	Helicopter blades turning while helicopter boxes facing right
CB-CD	300-213	Hang-glider turning to the right
DA-DM	214-215	Hang-glider flying upwards to the right
DA-DM'	216-217	Hang-glider getting ready to land on his feet taken off
DA-DR	218-219	Hang-glider on the ground just about to take off or has just landed
DE-DS	220-221	Hang-glider on the ground, pilot under canopy
DE-DS'	222-223	Hang-glider on the ground

Games Update

Well, as to be expected all is quiet on the games front this month. Few releases are around and we all eagerly await the build up to the Autumn releases.



Clawed Empire

A quick visit to my local W.H. Smiths reveals that their software shelves have large numbers of compilations and sequels among their top titles, with very few new releases. Hopefully, Autumn will bring a host of exciting products in what has, so far, been a disappointing year as far as games are concerned.

One new feature this month is the introduction of a roundup of Amiga games. The sixteen bit invasion marches ever on.

Commodore 64

Strategy is very much the flavour of the month with one fantasy role playing game, two wagons and one classic board game comprising the main offerings.

Queeran II (US Gold/SSD) sees you trying to destroy the Book of Evil. The only way to achieve this is to travel back in time and prevent it from ever being created in the first place! This involves you seeking out six mad sorcerers and your journey will take you over two continents, through dungeons, catacombs and castles before you achieve your goal.

The game is entirely menu controlled via either joystick or keyboard although I found the keyboard much easier. Estimated playing time is thirty to sixty hours. This is one of the simpler fantasy role playing games currently available and

would probably appeal more to the senior or younger player of this type of game.

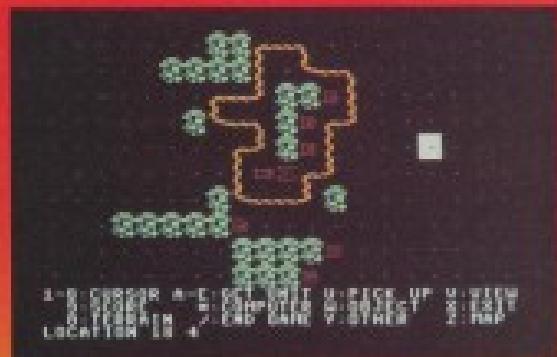
Tank wargames have also been released from the US Gold/SSI stable. *Panzer Strike* comes closest to be share of ambitions, covering as it does, the entire Eastern Front campaign, the Western Front in 1940 and the North African campaign. Should that be insufficient for your needs, you can always design your own battles and campaigns. Despite the size, symbols still represent individual tanks and to add extra realism, armor ratings on these vehicles have been segmented into the front and side of the hull and turret and top. Every conceivable ground weapon has been included in this simulation from artillery to trucks, mortars to tanks. Not surprisingly, this game is recommended for advanced players only!

Somewhat easier is *Axess of Liberty*, which contains introductory, intermediate and advanced scenarios. Set in the War of Independence or, as the Tanks like to call it, the Revolutionary War, you get the chance to re-enact the three major battles - Bunker Hill, Saratoga and Monmouth.

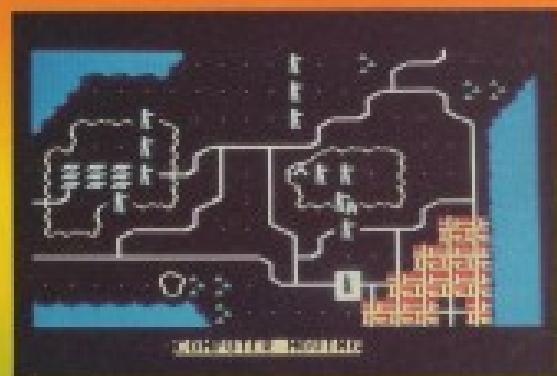
Bunker Hill was a relatively small conflict. Only a few thousand men fighting over a small area. Not only did the British succeed at Saratoga, but the major defeat caused the French (how, how) to decide that this might be the perfect opportunity for them to also declare war upon us so that we now had to fight on two fronts. The battle of Monmouth was the largest of the three battles and the time when George Washington really came into his own as a leader of men. So here is your opportunity to rewrite the history books and ensure that the good old US of A really should be coloured red on all the maps!

From Leisure Systems comes that old favourite, *Monopoly*. This game has probably caused more inter-family rows than any other in history. Monopoly players seem to come in two flavours. Those that play to win at any cost and those who don't. The two factions are totally incompatible with neither side being able to see the point of the other.

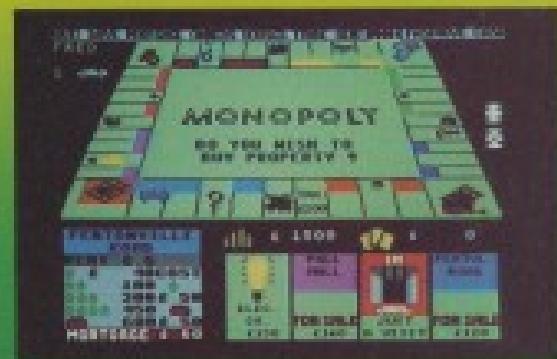
The computer version allows you to play against either human or computer opponents or any mix of the two. You can opt for a long or short game and games can be saved midway through. Control has been made as



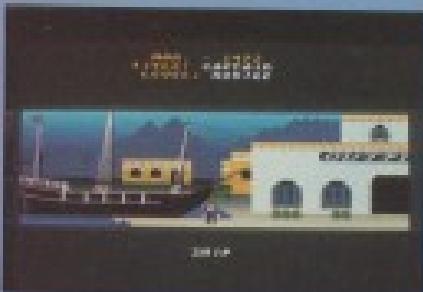
Panzer Strike



Axess of Liberty



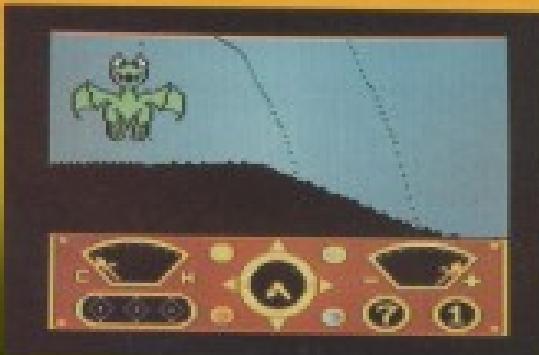
Monopoly



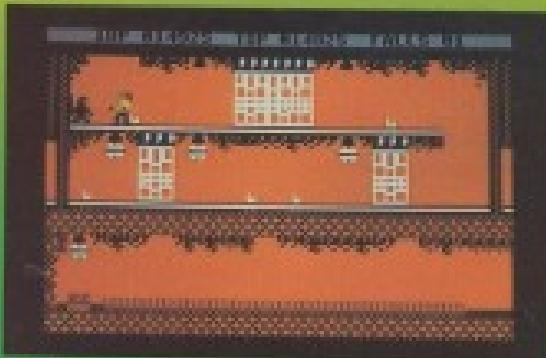
Green Gables of Ulster



Pink Panther



The Shadow



Brain Box

most friendly as possible and all the features of the original game - managing, auctioning and going to jail have been included. My only disappointment is that with the computer looking after the money, it is no longer possible to cheat! (No prizes for guessing to which feature you belong - Ed.)

Few budget games are noteworthy this month. On Mameo's Ricochet label comes *The Eskimo*, a 3-D space game featuring some excellent graphics for the monitor. You need to find and collect jewels and fossils before being allowed past the dragon and onto the next level.

On the American label comes *Bruce Lee*, a platform game with martial art elements. Bruce has to collect all the lanterns in an area before a door opens allowing access to the next level. At the same time, he must avoid the ministrations of vipers and the Green Yams. The game looks very dated but is still good fun to play.

Four games for under a pound each is the boast of Mameo's third compilation. The games are *Egyptian*, an arcade adventure, *Darkcycle*, a shoot 'em-up, the *Big K.O.*, a boxing simulation, and a platform game, *Mouse Trap*.

Finally, with timing that is about as good as one of Vamp Jones' tackles comes *FA Cup Football* also on the Ricochet label which arrived in the office two days after Wimbledon had faded their silk over Liverpool. As a game, it is about as interesting as Don Revie's tactics which, for those of you who care little for football is not very much.

Amiga

From those masters of the adventure game, Infocom, comes *Sherlock* in which you play as the famous detective, Sherlock Holmes, who must once again extract the evil professor Moriarty. There is a twist to the plot though. Because Moriarty knows how Holmes will react and can lay traps accordingly, Holmes decides that it is you, Watson, that must solve the crime. The Crown Jewels have been stolen and if they are not recovered within 48 hours, then the thief will be exposed and the government disgraced. *Sherlock* is available from Activision and is highly recommended.

Exploration is the name of the game in *Seven Cities of Gold* from Electronic Arts. Starting in 1482, you must discover and explore as much of the New World as you can. Sail up rivers, find Inca temples and gold mines. You must decide whether to trade or fight in order to persuade the natives to give you their gold. Supplies of food, men, goods and treasure all have to be carefully managed as you

ships can only carry so much. I first saw this game a few years ago on the C64 and enjoyable though it is, I'm afraid that this attempt has been made to use the graphic and sound capabilities of the Amiga to the full.

Following on from their successful *Burberian*, *Piggies* have released *Oblivion* which has the same sort of icon-controlled gameplay but is in a futuristic setting. As the last of the Oblivians, you are banished aboard an alien ship with the task of finding some vital computer datapacks before destroying the ship and thus saving the Federation. You only have limited weaponry to start with but more can be picked up as you go.

The Three Stooges is the fifth *Cinemaware* title to be released by Microsoft. Early Larry and Moe are involved in trying to save an orphanage from the evil Mr Powers. Raising the money to pay off the mortgage involves a series of subgames and gives you the chance to get involved in crossed pie fights, trying to eat oysters before a vicious oyster dom and having dodges car races

when trying to reach the operating theatre. As with all *Cinemaware* products, presentation is excellent. *Gangstar* is limited though and soon may break at paying such a high price for not very much game.

Fans of the films and cartoons will no doubt be eager to have a look at *Paul Bunyan* (Magic Bytes/Cassidy) but I fear that they might well be disappointed. Our hero is broke and takes up various jobs in order that he might bought the properties. Unfortunately, all his employees turn out to be sleepwalkers and PP has to stop them from bumping into things as well as stealing whatever he can get his hands on. As well as pushing the hero in a safe direction, PP can also leave objects lying around to help him such as catapults and see-saws. These might also prove useful when trying to avoid the unwanted attentions of Inspector Clouseau. Although the game is very well animated, the gameplay is incredibly difficult to get into and it was a case of frustration rather than anything else that stopped me going back for any more. ED

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Making Music

Continuing our music series, this month we look at the use of interrupts when playing background music

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There are many ways of playing background music using interrupts, and in the next few pages we'll be looking at just two of them. Both use the same kind of technique, so we'll see how that works before getting down to the serious business.

When playing a tune in Basic, the information is read as a series of data statements and POKE'd into the appropriate registers. In machine code we will have to have the music stored as a collection of numbers in memory, and use strange incantations and terms like "load the accumulator" and "store the accumulator" in order to make the appropriate notes. To those of you who are frightened by machine code programs, "load the accumulator" and "store the accumulator" can be thought of, at least as far as this program is concerned, as being analogous to something like A\$PKE(Kregister) and POKE(register). A respectively. In other words we're going to be looking at a collection of memory locations, getting information from them, and then storing that information in the correct registers to make a sound.

As in the Basic example we will need a dummy set of data, or dummy information in memory, to tell the program that it has reached the end of the current data for the particular tune that we're at playing, and since storing a -1 in a memory location is rather difficult (try POKE \$02,-1 and see what happened) we'll be using the value 255, since a high frequency value of 255 makes little sense to the SID chip and simply produces an extremely high pitched whine. If you really want to make a high pitched whine, then set value 254 instead and leave the program to fiddle of its own accord.

Using Voices

In the program that follows we will be using voices two and three to play the background, interrupt driven music. Voices one will be left free for other devices and, as you might readily appreciate, voices two and three can also be used for miscellaneous noise and sound effects, since an interrupt driven tune, once started, cannot be diverted unless we tell it to be diverted. That is, voice three (in our example anyway) is being used to play a sequence of notes, and it will play those notes over and over again regardless of anything else we might tell it to do.

The waveform is created in memory by the interrupt routine; the values for the high and low values frequencies are read in by the interrupt routine, and so anything else that we might do outside the routine is easily overridden by the routine itself. We might decide to make a noise using voice three set to the white noise waveform, but our machine code program soon recovers from this and carries on without skipping a note. So, we can play our two voice tune, have one voice left over to do whatever we want, and still have voices two and three to use if we really want to.

A second important fact to remember about the interrupt routine is that it can be played at a varying rate. I once heard someone's music program, and was quite impressed by the way in which one could speed up, or slow down, the rate at which a background tune was being played. It was only on deconstructing this program that I realised how trivial an exercise that was!

Consider the following — the interrupts on the Commodore 64 are serviced every eighth of a second or

so, and if we're playing an interrupt driven tune, this means that fifty times a second the routine is going to be activated and a note (or two, since we're using two voices) will be played. This is obviously much too fast, since five of us are capable of registering that many notes per second. Why not all four of us? The answer you know!

So, we insert a delay loop so that a note is played only every forty ninth interrupt. This not only slows the rate of note playing down to an acceptable level, but it also allows other things to be serviced by interrupts as well. For example if we wanted to we could have another interrupt routine in memory that was moving graphics around, or rotating user-defined graphics à la Tony Crookshank.

Such a routine might look like this:

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C000 LDAA $CFFP
C001 INX
C002 STA $CFFF
C003 CPX # $0A
C004 BNE C002
C005 LDIX # $0B
C006 STA $CFFF
C007 JMP ($0000)
C008 JMP ($0A)
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Assume that we have diverted the Hardware Interrupt Vector so that it loops off to \$C000 instead of \$EA21 as usual. Then, everywhere it gets there we load the X register with the content of memory location \$CFFP (\$0-FEE4(\$3347)) if you like. Then we increment the X register (\$0-\$01) and store the new value at \$CFFF again (POKE \$3347,X). We then compare this new value with \$0A (Data X equal \$07), and if it is not equal then we jump to location \$C002 (\$ X > 10 then go



or location \$C012). If this is the case, the program execution simply jumps off to the normal interrupt routine at \$EA11.

However, on the tenth time we get here X will have been increased so that it now equals 10, and on instead of jumping to \$EA11 straightaway we instead first of all reset our counter by loading the X register with zero and storing it at location \$C0FF (\$04-POKE \$C0FF) before jumping off to our own routine, wherever that might be stored in memory.

Thus we can increase or decrease the speed at which an interrupt driven routine is serviced by just altering the value that we're comparing the X register to. At the moment it's set to ten, so if we lower that to five then the task will be played twice as fast. Decrease it to 20, and everything goes at half rate. Quite easy, really.

Before presenting the routine itself, we just need to explain how it works. Not by going through it line by line, as in the example above. If you can follow machine code programs then you'll be able to do it for yourself; but if you can't then this is either the time or the place!

How It Works

Voice three is used to repeat a tone over and over again. The information for this tone, its low value/high value order, is stored in memory from \$9800 to \$98FF, and so we can have something like 128 notes in this particular little cell.

Voice one is used for the much longer note, and can indeed be said to represent our musical soundtrack. This one is stored in memory from \$9800 to \$99FF, in low value/high value order again, thus giving us the space to store some 1930 notes. Quite a lot, and the top of end of BASIC memory is always a fairly safe place to save information. Later on we'll see how we can do away with even this, and still have space for a long soundtrack.

There are limitations however with the space for all these notes. Voice three is continually playing a riff; ideally one that is linked to its voice two counterpart, and if we have (say) 98 notes in the riff then it makes sense for voice two to be playing a tune that has a multitude of 98 notes in it, otherwise things soon begin to sound horribly discordant.

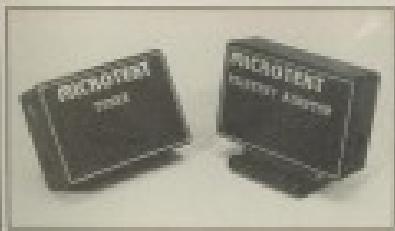
How do the notes get there in the first place? It is an easy task to modify the synthesiser programme so that, as well as playing the notes, the low value and high value frequencies are stored in memory, from \$9800 to \$99FF depending on which note you want to have saved. Include the option to delay a note or convolution a note (the square bar, for example, could be used to put the values of 0000 in for low value/high value, which is an effective way of introducing a one-note pause as easy, and then you have it). Regard it as an exercise in programming the SID chip and getting the basic calls working, and if enough people write in and complain perhaps the editor will give the space to expand on the topic!

Having got the tunes in memory, we must then load and run the program called *Interrupt*, and music will be the result. For those of you not of a musical turn of phrase (like me) then the final programme in this section will put a simple single riff into memory for you and allow you to listen to it. Not very musical, perhaps, but everyone has to start somewhere!

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A Short Interlude

Overcome the problems of using more than one interrupt routine with this sample utility.

By Michael Tintin

The 6816 processor used in the Commodore 64, like other processors is able to handle interrupts. The Commodore 64 makes the use of interrupts particularly easy by placing the ROM interrupt handling routine vector in RAM. This is located at \$0014/\$0313 (hex/hi format).

The interrupts take place 60 times per second and are a powerful programming tool. There are many short programs which use interrupts available in printed form, from books and magazines.

Union General Instructions

The aim of this short machine code program is to make the use of several interrupt routines a lot easier. (I developed the program initially for a game I was writing which required several interrupt routines to operate at once.) The routine is however very useful for utility routines. First let us examine what the problem is in using more than one interrupt routine.

Each program is usually published as an individual, stand alone program which will usually have the following format:

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SEI      Start interrupt disable
LDA #$B0    $1000 address of new
STA $0014    interrupt routine
LDA #$C0    Vector
STA $0012    Start interrupt disable
CLI      Stop interrupt
RTS

*=$C0B0    Start of routine
        ...
        $1000 Start interrupt routine
JMP $0A11    Load to ROM interrupt
            location

```

This format means that two interrupt routines cannot be used together unless they are modified by changing the JMP SEJZ1 at the end of the first routine to point to the second. The start routine to change the interrupt vector at the beginning of the second routine thus becomes unnecessary.

The short length of most interrupt routines will allow more than one to be in operation without any noticeable reduction in the computer speed, and before starting with the next interrupt. Sixty interrupts per second, assuming an average of three clock cycles per instruction, allows about 3,600 instructions to be carried out before the next interrupt program prints to a terminal.

The solution I have come up with is to keep a table of the interrupt routine start address in the form of a small array similar to the BASIC INRM A\$1. The control program is called on each interrupt, and it turns will call each of the routines which have their address in the table.

To use this method, only small adjustments to the interrupt routines are required. First of all remove the usual start routine which usually changes the interrupt vector, as the

task is carried out by the assembly program. Secondly, change the JMP SEJZ at the end of the routine to RTS. This is because the routine is called by the controller with a PUSH instruction.

The routines can be added into the table in any order; they are each called in turn starting with routine 0 at the start of the table.
 (N.B. ensure that the interrupt vector is not pointing to the controller when you change the table, as it will attempt to call a routine which is not present, if the address is only partly changed when there is an interrupt).

The controller is particularly easy to use because there is no need to programme how many routines you wish to use, entries in the table of 8000 will not be valid, therefore if you wish you can even stop all the routine calls. This is particularly useful when starting to use the computer when you may not know how many routines will be used.

Scanned by srujanika

If you enter the Mikro Assistant listing that says a copy exists there has been a catastrophic error and then assemble a K89 call to 49153 will start the program. The basic logic is easier to see as there is a checksum error check as part of the listing. Also when the program is run, the cursor will disappear over the command SYS#4432 after a short delay, so off that is required is a further press of the return key and it is gone!

Next month we will look at a program of more general use which will have commands to add and remove entries from the table and also list the contents, showing the addresses which are being called. Until then, happy interfacing!
See Listings on page 22



Step out on the Russian steps with a fire-breathing circus强盗!

Karnov may ever been killed by a vicious ruling czar, but it's party time so far the masses will be here to look. There's only one mission: back to the place of birth and end at the time of writing. Karnov, however, as Blameless Circus Strongman, appears to have an affinity for this and other bizarre disorders, accustomed to occur so frequently. As our attraction in "Karnov," the game tends to reward one of very atmospheric 2D-style levels of excellent pathogenic graphics you can imagine more here.

The game starts as Karnov, a rappelling acrobat in a halo of lightning. Your task is then to build your

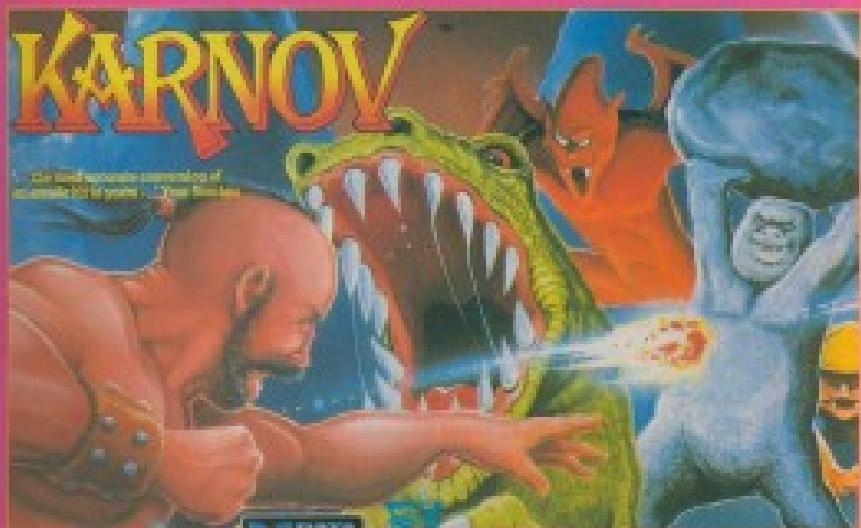
way past insurmountable obstacles of moving chandeliers, and a host that can dehydrate you, pollute your arterial blood, along the way. At the end of each level, you'll need to load the next part from tape - or anything like that. The price of the plastic is below the Kremlin's flag of Czarina Harriet's entombed Robert and a score - on the sliding scale the size of the world's most expensive bananas can't stand. Paul Diamond's song probably states the rule, we will walk, who left behind a few minutes to polish the strongest for holding the remains on the first place? Karnov naturally deserves well the name, but the job obviously after the insurance company, and see off to find the power of the step that will lead him to Rya, the darkness and the paradise end.

Now to the graphics. The background figures are solid but colorful while the moving objects suddenly become spritely we will attend. Where the whole thing fails is possibly in the animation. All the sprites are animated using just two positions, giving them a very jerky impression. But even of all the moving blocks where behind them? One of this new Philips Spectrum game that is to be expected, but there's no reason for snappy graphics on the CGA?

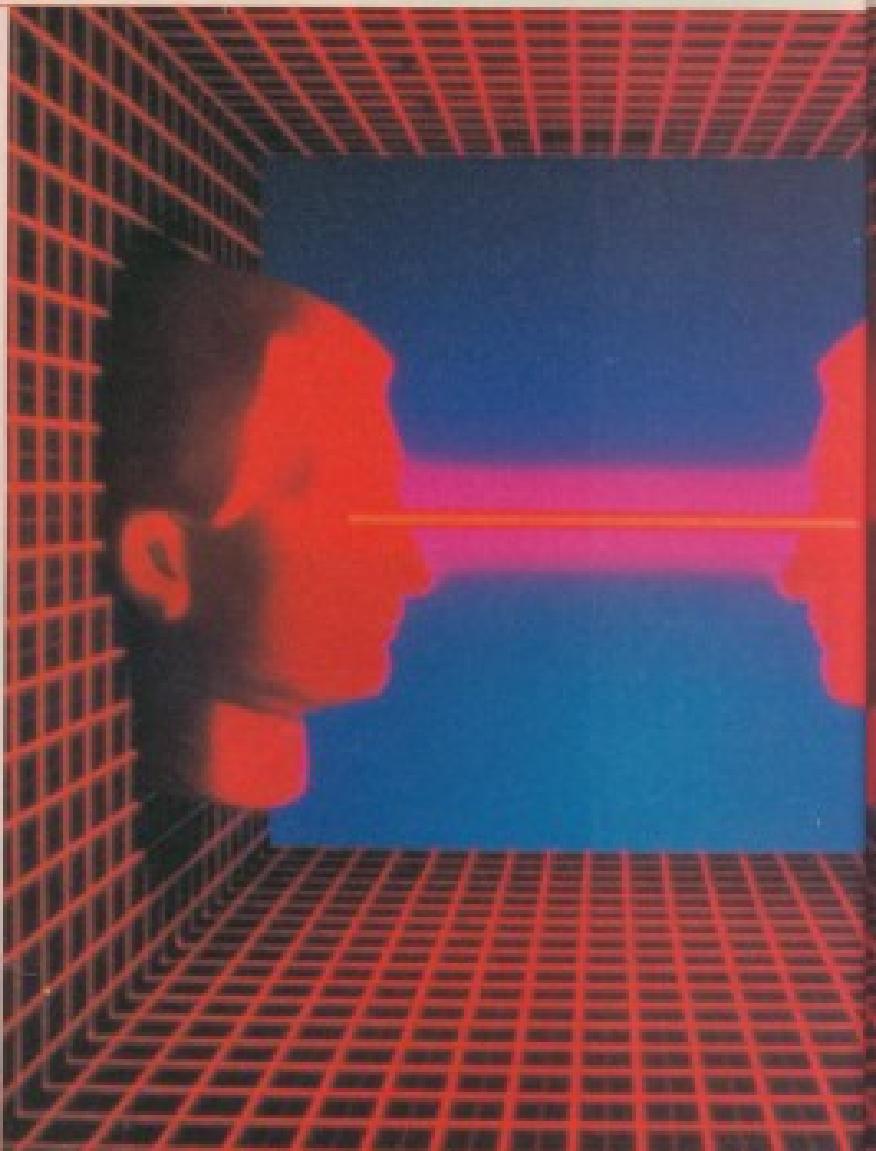
As for the sound, equally pathetic - and even worse than BBC 2000-based, it doesn't speak with a good sense of monophony. Both such can you do. Having said all that, I enjoyed the game challenging and really addictive, although not addictive, though 15 seconds can be long at times.

Time after

Title: Karnov. **Supplier:** David Brown Software. **Version:** 3.0. **Processor:** BBC 2000. **Memory:** 32K. **Price:** £12.99. **Address:** 104, Old Park, London NW1 1PL. Tel: 0171 226554. **Abilities:** CGA, 16 colors. **Age:** 10-18 (Can 12-16).



Communications



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We look at the history of computer communications, where it came from, where it is now, and where it is going

By Mary Branscombe

The essential techniques of sending data down a telephone line have a history going back 100 years, and some of the original paper tapes that have evolved alongside the more traditional computer languages can be traced right back to the days of the Telegraphic transmission system in the Victorian era.

The earliest form of telegraphy – being the first form of totally electrical and “wireless” communications system, and probably the earliest form of electrical message sending, was the remote actuation of electric relays to punch holes in a piece of paper. The letters of the alphabet were defined by a stream of these dots each representing a 1 or a 0 and was thus defined between a mark and a space signal.

This goes back as far as 1848, and the first reliable machines to do this were traditionally tape. For military purposes, although the government found that the new device was very useful for transmitting information from one part of the country to another.

The mark and space have been replaced by holes punched into large paper tape, larger holes for mark, and smaller ones for space – this code is called Baudot, and is in common use today at some of the more backward corners of this planet. After this

development, longer distance communications was made possible by synchronising the sending and receiving stations by beginning each letter with a start bit and concluding it with a stop bit, so over the years the standard was to send seven bits of data, the start bit, the stop bit, the code for the letter and, of course the mark.

When after 100 years or so – technology was advancing dramatically – there was a need to access computers remotely, Telegraphy was the obvious way of doing this as the technology could easily be interfaced with the new computer systems and the information was readily translatable. But back in the 1950s computers were not the machine we know today, processing was never expected to come up with instant results, jobs were assembled in batches (that is the term batch processing), fed into the computer by paper tape and then run. Data collection and processing of data was then considered quite amazing!

So the first major application which computer communications had to make was that computers were fed with up to date data, the paper tape was then quite a fast way of inputting large amounts of data and indeed the saved a lot of time with computer entry staff, who were employed exclusively

to enter data as quickly and as accurately as possible.

Barcode wasn't IT?

Typical communications speeds were at 50 or 75 bits per second and this is NOT the basic rate of a communications system. baud rate and bits per second are more or less identical at lower communications speeds, but at higher rates, bits are transmitted in different ways other than changing the state of a signal from high to low (and vice versa), additional information is transmitted by detecting the phase state of a signal, so 1200 bits per second full duplex is actually achieved by a 600 baud signal using four phase angles (two for each end of the communications stream).

In days gone by there were no friendly on-line systems, no real menus, menus were still yet to have access to disk drives, storage drivers, and there were literally thousands of protocols, variants and alternative communications systems cropping up all over the shop.

The Telephone Network

By this time, all sorts of changes were taking place. The Telex and Telegraph network, originally set up to handle data, were taken over by voice grade circuits (the earliest was Bell's telephone design from 1880). And likewise, communications systems were being adopted to make the most of the telephone system by using audio tones to represent the state of high and low as a pair of related waves. Initially this was merely one directional transmission and receiving dual duplex as the terminology had it, but by cleverly using two different signals, full duplex (or two way) communication was possible.

Improved signaling and sampling schemes after the war (primarily) designed for the encyptosystem set up for England and Australia to communicate via the switch to faster baud rates - although 30/75 bauds were possible. The next step was to move to 110/130, this soon moved up to 300 bits/s and only recently has the limit been reached for accurate data transmission along a voice grade telephone line - 1400 bits/s.

Over the years little has actually happened to the way the data is transmitted along a line; the start and stop bits of the baudrate code have been

retained, but instead of a simple 3 bit signal to transmit the letters of the alphabet, a tone system has been employed whereby a 7 bit extended code can be used to transmit the letters of the alphabet. This in fact was in effect need to transmit data after that last - 128 more or less.

To reduce the number of errors in transmission due to line noise (remember we are still talking about voice grade telephone lines - and think how noisy they can be!), a further bit was added to the stream of data - the parity bit, which adds up all of the bits in the main characters and then, depending on whether the result is odd or even, generate a 1 or a 0.

This system gave birth to the world's most advanced standard - ASCII, the common name for the alphabet - naturally IBM came along with their own variant, but as the PCs use ASCII instead of their own EBCDIC system (based on mainframes), I think you will agree that IBM are holding their tongues and trying to keep quiet about this one!

Higher Speeds

The fastest speed possible on an ordinary voice grade telephone line is usually regarded as 1200 bits/s. Beyond this, note on the line, due to "jitter" exchanges and poor calling has made anything faster very difficult. 2400 bits/s is becoming more common, and indeed the standard transmission speed of VME/TEX systems, the high speed version of i/o.

Serials

Communications these days is very fast for the microcomputer user - most computers have a comms facility built into the hardware, be it by using the standard RS232 interface, or by some such similar serial communications.

Software too abounds for many computers. This is a far cry from the first days of computer communications, when the required "software" for communicating with another computer involved putting direct links to a processor's data bus, and this forcing the computer into thinking it was reading from a very fast keyboard!

These days, communications

packages are very sophisticated and can handle many different baud rates. They can operate in either full or half duplex modes; they can effectively simulate many different types of terminal, from DEC's VT52 and VT100 and the like, up to the more modern graphics terminals and professional workstations that support graphics.

Software is fast becoming more sophisticated than the modems that are used to communicate with the telephone line, and the faster they are, the more sophisticated the software needs to be. For example, the new generation of 2400 bits/s modems can now support special hardware encryption devices that ensure your data is unreadable as it goes down the line. The only way you are to retrieve this data is to use a similar modem with the same decryption device at the other end.

Communicating with a menu has become more popular than not, say, a data terminal. The reason is that a computer can be programmed as software which would cost many hundreds of pounds to achieve in hardware. Many of the initial sales of Amstrad PC100 was due to the business sector, but to those needing cheap and reliable terminals - a VT100 terminal can cost anything up to £10000 - but with a piece of £25 software running on a 486 machine, you have a terminal and a computer with on-line storage, plenty of buffer memory with all the extras attached.

Communications has really come home for the menu.

Bulletin Boards

For the more user, a service has sprung up since the mid-70's called the Bulletin Board or the local place equivalent of the bulletin boards you may have at work or in a social club.

Hackers are particularly solitary creatures, only mixing with their own type, where possible, and in the end, the bulletin board is the ideal place to exchange ideas and programming hints and tips, so it is small wonder why these services haven't taken off and spread all over the world.

On a Bulletin Board, you are likely to find a great many messages, have a browse through a few and then you will see that a great many of them are requesting specialised information about the inner workings of a computer or a compiler. Occasionally

you will find a message saying something to the effect that they will be starting a BBS (Bulletin Board Service) of their own, so why not ring them up on their number with their machine set to touch and echo and have a chat!

I am an owner of a small number of wall and computers - all of which are hooked up to modems at 300 baud or more. I ring up BBS's daily, and this is why I run up 250 telephone bills a quarter! But the results are much more valuable than £150. I have downloaded priceless public domain software innovations on how to build my own Winchester drive for my computer using surplus parts (that one saved me £800!) and the interchange of information is friendly, informed, intelligent and varied.

Every now and then we receive calls from "hacker" asking for a few numbers to try out, and I often oblige with a few of the best known free services. These people often log on for a few minutes - have a look round and then disappear forever - this isn't hacking - and I would contend that breaking into government computer establishments is hacking - but in their vandalism (sorry, but any lucrative BBS system was brought to its knees by a bunch of nerds). Real hacking is carrying on the information transfer and communication among a like minded group of computer nerds. You don't have to be clever, but if you know something and you have something to say or offer, then welcome to the club!

It is true that BBS's have special user groups, or access to certain parts of the BBS's hard disk that are attributable to the usual people, and truly to those is honorary and entirely at the discretion of the Sysop (the manager of the BBS). I am a member of one and I was in fact a modulator because it allows to talk and every other member of the SUG (Regional User Group) that we all have something special to offer each other, be it technical help, knowledge of a language, access to certain information regarding the BBS software (a great deal of which is maintained by ourselves and friends) or simply because you can offer some very useful information about improving services.

In short, accessing a BBS is like having a group of friends that communicate all over the world - in much the same way that a pen pal does with paper, pen and ink!

Professional Services

For the businesses there are a great many services on offer. Financial data services are available, but they have to compete with the excellent services offered by Prestel and CEFAX although specialist services offer less general information. Scientific databases offering access to files and programs all around the world are hooked up on the UK at least by JANET - the Joint Academic NETwork, and access to American computer systems at Berkeley, MIT and others are possible by linking up JANET through PSS, British Telecom's Packet Switching System and the international version called IPSS.

University computers are mainly about powerful processing, and it is often a good thing to try and gain access to these systems if you have particularly large applications to run on these machines. Or if you need to access specific languages or information services that support the science and engineering faculties around the world.

Personal computers are probably the least interesting computer systems available to the traveller. They offer simple applications, but often offer a back door entry into university computers as they often have a PAPL - very useful way of accessing other computers from a remote computer!

PADs are also very good at hiding your tracks if you are a hacker interested in prying into the inner workings of a computer system. This isn't merely done by logging on and typing in a few commands, but by reading up on the operating system manuals, getting information out of a library, and asking your friends on a BBS whether they have had any experiences of such and such.

The spirit of hacking is learning... to go on and learn something!

The Future

Not being particularly good at interpreting the future, I can only state what may happen and not what is going to happen. Computers are going to have to go faster and faster. It is true that most machines that move away from IBM's self-imposed rules, are using more and more powerful processors and have more and more memory that needs to be filled up more

and more quickly. After all, if you have ever heard the old adage, "The program expands to fill the available space", then you will no doubt see the facility of accessing a database with a modest reading at 300 baud! How are you going to upload 128K of programs this using a slow speed?

The way around transmitting large amounts of data down the line is to go digital. By using a special digital data line, you can theoretically go as fast as 340,000 bits/s (that's a far cry from the 56 kbit/s 160 years ago!) and even after speeds are possibly by updating the telephone line so that the Rx line (the receiving line) is on one number, while the Tx line (transmitting) is on the other line!

Large mainframe establishments are using parallel communications over eight telephone lines nowadays, and with the data traffic being increased in gigabytes, the future of parallel communication has to come down to mere level in the next few years.

Digital traffic requires special leased lines at the moment, but with the inclusion of X25 (which is just about working - snigger) this leads the way to parallel transmission down varying frequencies, so you could transmit a signal running on a carrier of 600 Hz and 1200 Hz simultaneously, running the Rx and the Tx signal at the same time down the same cable with one line of data.

Light transfer is another option. Using fibre optical cables, students may soon be just transmitting bursts of light down a cable straight into the telephone network. With this sort of technology, only the speed of the hardware is the limiting factor, so transmitting at 340,000 baud may just be a slow option - certainly we are aiming for data transfer rates that are faster than dial-up lines by the year 1990.

Of course this will all happen overnight! Data cables using fibre optics are already in wide use worldwide, but to be used over any great distance requires a revolution in manufacturing the optical cable, which is very expensive at the moment.

Thankfully the cable manufacturing engineers are developing fibre optics so these will be competing interests artificially keeping the price of this new technology high.

Faster computers, faster communications lines and faster modems, when will it all end? Never, I hope!

In my opinion the best way to learn machine code programming is to jump straight in the deep end, and start designing the routines yourself.

However it would be silly not to take advantage of the library routines already residing in your C64, namely the Kernel and Basic Interpreter routines. The saving in time and memory should be obvious. After all, why reinvent the wheel?

However, on the other side of the coin, the ROM routines in your C64 have been written specifically to operate the computer without it constantly crashing. Therefore a great number of safety checks have been built into these ROM routines. This has the drawback of making the routines slower and less efficient than those you design yourself.

However, if you ask yourself the question, "Is it really vital for the routine I need to execute that spin second quicker?", then you can make a prudent decision, i.e. whether to write a routine yourself or use its almost counterpart already in ROM.

As a whole, ROM routines, when used correctly, execute quicker than Basic. And this is an advantage you should not forget!

The other disadvantage in using ROM routines is if you want to make your programs compatible with other computers. For example the BBC computer uses the 6502 processor which is completely compatible with 6510 (in fact, the 6502 is the parent of the family of microprocessors of which the 6510 is a part of). So at least in theory, any routine written for the 6510 can be executed on any BBC or other compatible machine.

But obviously, even if you don't use any of the Kernel ROM routines, there are still other difficulties to be considered. For example, the memory locations of the BBC computer are at a different place in memory than those of the C64.

Nevertheless, before using ROM routines you should ask yourself, if the program needs to be portable.

Using ROM Routines

My advice is initially to fit yourself up with a decent knowledge of the Commodore 64 Kernel and the Basic ROM.

The one which I use like a Bible is called *What's Really Inside The*

Byting into the 6510

ROM routines can save you a lot of work and hassle. But first you'll have to learn how to use them - read on

By Burghard-Henry Lehmann

Commodore 64 and written by Michael Buffara. It has the advantage of having lots of remarks (some disassemblies I've seen haven't got any remarks), and it's published by DataCap, 12 Triestse, B-9345 Poper, Belgium. (I bought my copy from Books.)

Studying such a disassembly thoroughly is a very good way of learning how a professional machine code program is written.

Secondly, it tells you all about the routines in your Commodore ROM. This allows you to use ROM routines not only from the starting points which are listed in many books and magazines (and also in this article), but you can also use ROM routines in your own way, maybe like nobody else has used them before.

Calling a ROM routine

Most ROM routines are called with a JSR instruction, because the

majority of them are subroutines and end with an RTS instruction. This returns the program flow back to your own routine.

Before calling a ROM routine you have to know which registers will be used by it. Then, if you need any of the values later on, you have to make provisions to save them.

As we know there are two ways of saving a variable. Transferring it into the accumulator and then pushing the contents of the accumulator onto the machine stack or saving the variable in an address (if possible, a zero page address).

I prefer saving in memory, because it prevents the initial bugs associated with the instabilities of the machine stack and I know at all times where everything is. Furthermore, I can never change from that variable as often as I like without having to worry about polling potential.

It is important to be aware, which memory locations are used by the ROM routine you want to call. This

is especially important when using a new page location. You then have to know the exact calling address of the ROM routine you want to use.

Although this may seem obvious, some ROM routines being called give the address of the vector and not the proper start of the routine.

For example, one of the most frequently used ROM routines is called CIRCUIT, which sends an ASCII character contained in the accumulator to the current device (mostly the screen). This can be called from four different points: SIFD2, SFICA, SAM47 and SEC18.

The start of the routine proper is SEC18 and is the best one to use if you don't want to waste any time. SAM47 does some error checks before jumping to the routine proper. SFICA is where the routine starts when it is called from the vector at SIFD2.

Finally, SIFD2 is the vector on top of the computer which in turn uses the vector at SEC18, which again starts the routine proper at SFICA.

ROM Typewriter

To give you a practical demonstration of how ROM routines can be used I have redesigned my little wordprocessor program to work entirely with ROM routines. This gives you a demonstration of some of the most often used ROM routines of the C64.

Also I have added an extra facility which gives a printout of the current line number and column number at the top of the screen. This makes the program more like a wordprocessor.

Figure 1 shows each ROM routine I have used, in detail and what you have to do to properly call them.

Figure 1 ROM Routines

Print (3E740)

Prints any ASCII character onto the screen. Also accepts non-printable characters such as delete, cursor movements, cursor home etc. All registers are saved at the start of the routine and restored again at the end, including the content of the accumulator. So you don't have to bother about saving anything.

Putchar (5A1B1)

This routine prints a whole string of characters. (maximum = 256 characters, including non-printable characters) at the current print position. Before entering, put the low byte of the start of the string in memory into the accumulator and the high byte into the Y-register. Zero is used as the end marker of the string. Don't forget it! All registers are corrupted by this routine and have, if necessary, to be saved beforehand.

Putline (5BD20)

Prints a 16-Bit NUMBER at the current print position where low byte is contained in the accumulator, while the high byte should be in the X-register. This is used by BASIC to print line numbers on the screen. All registers are corrupted by this routine.

Put (5FFF0)

Prints the current print position. The current print position is contained in the system variables \$120 (column) and \$D6 (line). If the carry flag is set, transferred from those variables into the X- and Y-registers. If the carry flag is clear, the values in the X-register (column) and the Y-register (line) are plotted onto the screen, that is, made into the current print position. All registers are corrupted by this routine.

Getch (5FFC4)

Gets the value of the last key out of the keyboard buffer and loads it into the accumulator. If no key has been pressed, 0 is loaded into the accumulator. All registers are corrupted by this routine.

Cls (5E540)

Clears the whole Commodore screen and places the current print position to the top of the screen. All registers are corrupted by this routine.

Let's now look at the most important points of the program which you'll find listed as always at the back of the magazine. So you don't have to bother about saving anything.

In line 340-359 I turn the system

carrier on by loading the system variable SCC with 1. If it should contain a number larger than 0, the carrier would be turned off.

The main loop of the program consists of testing the keyboard, exiting from the routine if F1 has been pressed, printing the ASCII character on the screen or executing a non-printable character, such as delete, updating the line number if a new line has been started and, finally, updating the column number.

Since, as far as the operating system is concerned, each line contains of 80 characters, even though the screen can only portray 40 character lines, we have to make an adjustment to the next 40 columns line below character 39 has been printed. This is done in lines 378-459.

The ASCII-character contained in the accumulator is saved on the machine stack. Then the current row as contained in system variable \$D6 is incremented and the beginning of the line plotted back to column zero. Finally, the ASCII character is recovered into the accumulator. Then the ASCII character is printed.

After this the current line number, contained in system variable \$D6, is saved in \$D1 and the current column number, contained in system variable \$D0, is saved in \$D2. This is because the print position has to be replicated in order to print the line number and column number at the top of the screen.

Next the current line number is printed at the top of the screen. Since the border takes up five lines, 5 is subtracted from the current row as contained in \$D6 (lines 580-590). Now the current column number is printed at the top of the screen.

If a new line has been started, the former column number is blotted out with two spaces, otherwise our word get column 11, instead of column 1 (lines 590-1090).

Finally, the current print position is recovered from \$D1 and \$D2 and replicated. Then the routine loops back to get the next keypress.

The program as it stands has several drawbacks, such as the deletion routine not working properly from one line to the former. But I'd hope all you people out there will get over reading these insufficiencies and make a fully working program out of it.

See listing on page 13

The Moving Cursor Writes

*Kick out the Tipp-Ex and the wastepaper basket,
wordprocessing is here to stay*



By Eric Doyle

In the Tenth Century, wordprocessing was a thing of legend. In a review for the *Rukaiyan*, Omar Khayyam wrote, 'The moving finger writes; and, having writ, moves on; nor all thy tears wash out a word of it.' Not very user friendly. When Edward Fitzgerald translated the Rukaiyan into fluid verse, the age of the typewriter was dawning and the writing was on the wall for the moving finger system.

Today the wordprocessor has supplanted the typewriter and few authors painted platforms boast their word processor into a semblance of literary worth. The wordpro revolution means that corrections, updates and re-arrangements can be made with ease and there are few people who would not benefit from its use.

Even for a banal job application, the power of the wordpro can be harnessed to produce faultless text and the days are numbered for liquid paper correction fluid. Even though the use

of the wordpro is so well accepted, there is still the need to show what is essential, what is desirable and which features are rarely needed.

What is a Wordpro?

A wordprocessor is basically like a typewriter. It allows text to be typed in at the keyboard of a computer to give a hardcopy on paper. Where a wordprocessor differs lies in the fact that it acts as an interface between the keyboard and paper, expanding the possibilities far beyond a typewriter's wildest dreams.

The essential features of a wordprocessor can be broken down into three categories. There is the actual entry of text, the ability to specify layout, and the facility to access a printer and storage device. In addition to these essentials, the use of a spelling checker can make life easier and, for a very few people, integral modern software can send the completed text to any printer in the world.

Editing Facilities

The basic requirements of text editing is to be able to type in characters at a comfortable speed, see the text displayed on the screen, and to correct errors before the text is printed. All of this can be achieved with many of the microchip typewriters currently available but a wordpro can do more.

Nobody's perfect so the wordpro should allow the user to scan through the text making deletions and insertions. Major reformatting and the addition of large blocks of text ought to be possible.

Sometimes this modification process means that the whole structure of the document needs to be changed. In the bad old days this would mean that yet another half of paper would whilst towards the wastepaper bin. With a wordprocessor it is usually possible to mark a block of text and move it from one place to another or to repeat it if it is a clause that is used several times. This saves a lot of retyping and consequently saves time and frustration.

With large documents, the user may want to find a particular word or phrase and a search facility would be useful. Most wordprocessors contain a command line which in this case is used to allow the searched for text to be entered. The program will then search through the document for every occurrence of the character string and highlight it. At each find the user will be required to indicate whether this occurrence is the one desired. If it is not, the program will search for the next appearance of the string.

The query is needed because the program is not intelligent in the way we are. If the desired string was the word 'when', the computer would highlight the string in words like 'whenload', 'whatever', 'whenanytime', and so on as well as the word itself.

Added power can be added to this command if a replace function is added. Now each time a word is found it can be changed to another specified word. As an example, the word "Name" referring to the computer language may be required in capitals. To search for each occurrence would be tedious but the search and replace function will do most of the work for you. Once again the user must okay any changes because the word Name may have been used in the user's sense, of creating fundamental in which case a change is not necessary.

Francesca

On a printer the normal paper size is A4 and a line width of between 60 and

Based on the data 10 series mean percentage for the biomass the first report that the current strategy the maximum gain at 10% will appear in the oilseed.

For many decades now, *Postmodernism* is based on the view that postmodernism is a reaction against modernism. In this view, postmodernism is the negation of modernism. This is a misconception. Postmodernism is not a reaction against modernism; it is a continuation of modernism.

During the first two years of our research we have been able to measure the relative abundance of the different species of fish in the lake. We have also been able to estimate the total number of fish in the lake. The results of our research will be published in a report which will be available to the public in about six months time.

The other advantage of *Bacillus* is that it is relatively inexpensive and makes the plants also easy and less time consuming for higher and yield production.

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DEFINITION

WORDPROCESSOR

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80-characters is normal. The computer screen of the CS4 and Plus/C16 is only 40 characters wide so it is difficult to show the shape of the finished text as it will appear on the printed page. To combat this many ingenious methods have been tried.

Tanana's Tasseo 44 program uses a special small character set which converts the screen to an 80 character display. Even with the subsequent scaling of horizontal resolution, the characters are still readable but the program also allows a 40 column screen display to be used to clarify any terms which may be a little difficult to read.

These systems use the sideways scroll which allows the player to move

across the page columns by columns. This is as though the screen was a window pane which the page can be scrolled left and right or up and down. At any one time, the view is part of the document (measuring 40 characters wide and 22 as many lines down).

Homeward was a cumbersome program to me but had an excellent feature which showed the formatted page in the form of a shadow which approximated each character by a pixel dot. The general shape of the document could then be seen and altered to give a cleaner output.

Users of the C120 with a 961 monitor can access the 80 column screen and many wordprocessors have special versions included with the normal C16 version to enable this function to be used.

After treatment of text in the main area where one wordprocessor can score heavily against another, the minimum requirement is to be able to specify the length and width of each page, but there is a plethora of refinements which can best be separated into two categories of style and form.

In both cases the commands which achieve the desired effect are produced by special character strings, known as embedded commands because they form part of the text string.

**This is an example of an embedded command.*

When the licensed viewing screen is filled up, there are many more

canceled rather than being displayed, so the raw text is revealed.

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The theory only proves true to a limited degree because WYSIWYG is not available. WYSIWYG simply means What You See Is What You Get and refers to a screen display which looks exactly the same as the printed-out page. For many reasons relating to efficient use of memory and character definitions, it is not possible to make WYSIWYG displays on the Commodore. Instead a program may highlight the characters which will receive special attention by reversing out the display or by some other device.

Stylish Characters

Modern printers allow various styles of characters to be used within a single document. Enlarged characters, italics, NLO, different typefaces should all be readily accessible to the user.

The overall appearance of the document can be altered by the effect known as justification. This means that characters can be aligned to the left column, leaving the right edge looking ragged; or each line has a different number of characters. Right justification can also be employed which means that extra spaces are added to successive lines to make all the lines the same width so that a uniform block of text appears. Your Commodore's page right and left justified. Glance through a few paragraphs of this text and you can see the effect that this has on individual lines.

If the line width is short, the justification process can result in two words being separated on one line by several spaces if the third word is too long to fit beside them. The way that the third word is pushed onto the next line is known as wordwrap and avoids words being split in peculiar ways. Let's see what happens when I give the typewriter a headache by using a very long word.

A long word like *wordprocessor* causes problems on a line which has a maximum character count of about 28 characters per line. There are two ways in which this can be handled by the typewriter. First, after the four short

words a new line is started for the long word. This means that sixteen characters are ranged across a line which normally contains twice as many characters. The result is a gappy line. The second method of treating this situation is to break the longer word but there is a convention to be observed. Words should only be broken down into syllables. The computer program cannot tell where syllables occur so some programs have a device known as a 'soft hyphen'.

Soft hyphens are characters which may or may not be displayed according to a single rule. Take the word "womendom" as an example.

If a soft hyphen is used the word is written as somewhere. When the word *womendom* appears at the end of a line it splits into *women*-*dom* form. If there's enough room, *womendom* isn't split and the soft hyphen is ignored by the program.

The choice of whether the soft hyphen facility is useful or not depends on the user. To create every word in a hyphenated form would be a bind but to be able to use it when preserving the page before printout can avoid problems occurring if changes are made elsewhere in a paragraph which pulls the word back into the middle of the line. A hard hyphen would remain but the soft one disappears.

When writing a letter, my text looks just as it does in this article, but when submitting this article, my original text was double spaced. This means that instead of leaving a single carriage return at the end of the line, two returns were sent leaving a blank line between each printed line. This is done so that there's plenty of space for marking up special features such as notes or for correcting grammar and misspelt words.

Any wordprocessor for my use must have the facility to double space lines and the one I use can actually triple space as well.

On the monitor each character is given equal spacing. Some characters like the letter 'M' fit the space comfortably but letters like 'Y' and 'T' leave large gaps between themselves and neighbouring characters. Examine the text you're reading and you should observe that the spaces between letters are approximately the same on any given line. This means that characters next to the letter 'Y' have been automatically moved closer together. This is known as proportional spacing.

The better printers can

proportionally space letters on the best wordprocessors are great commands which allow access to this facility.

Patterns on a Page

The main features necessary to set up a page for print are the margins. These not only appear on the sides but also at the top and bottom. To add to this the page may not be A4 in length. So there are five parameters which must be expressed: page length, left and right margins, and the bottom margin.

Left and right margins determine the number of characters per line. The normal value is 80 but there may be occasions when a wide printer prints a speed of 120 characters or more can be forced onto a line. On other occasions A3 paper may be required so a much smaller page width might be required.

The ability to specify long and short line widths is not the only feature required because the previous option needs to be able to range across this number of characters. If it only has a maximum of 80 characters, the previous option is useless for wider documents.

Once a line width is set, it is far more interesting if the document has indicated sections to highlight particular features. Some wordprocessors allow temporary margins to be set. This could be done by simply inserting spaces at the beginning of each line but these spaces are saved when the program is saved and reuse the space for the document.

There are also occasions when each paragraph may have a heading, correctly called a sub-heading. One way of doing this is to indent the following text to highlight each sub-head. To insert spaces on virtually every line would be tiring especially when the power of the computer can be called upon to do this dull task for you.

Longer documents need page numbers and for some users each page must have an identifying piece of text across the top or bottom of the page. It's a bind if you have to add this text each time a new page is started or finished. Even if the user accepts this limitation, the real problem becomes clear when a block of text is added to the text later which completely rewrites up the start and end of the pages following. Each page would

have to be laboriously altered. For this reason, a header and footer facility should be available.

The header and footer is a command which allows a string of characters to be designated at the beginning of the text. This string will then be repeated at the top or bottom of each page and the facility normally allows a number character to be entered anywhere along the line. As each new page begins the page number is automatically incremented and inserted.

The final material is a nesting facility. To find the correct position for the start of a nested heading requires counting the number of characters in the heading, dividing it by two and then subtracting this value from the maximum number of characters per line. A nesting facility does this automatically but take care when using expanded characters or proportional spacing because I haven't found a program which copes adequately with these situations.

Hard Lines

Some documents are longer than the available memory allows. To create longer texts a linker can be useful. This partitions a file to be added to a file which automatically searches for loads and prints the next document in the chain.

When saving a document, there is a need for a save and replace function. The great disadvantage of a wordpro is that if there is a loss of volatile electrical impulses which can be caused just easily if the power supply is interrupted. Regular saving of the text is recommended if cleaner is to be avoided. If the text is saved under a new name each time, the disk soon fills up with redundant files.

The alternative is to use the save and replace function to store an amended document under the same name as before. The disadvantage with this is that the program often uses the whole save and replace function of the disk drive. This is a bugger feature and can result in the loss of a file or the corruption of another file.

It's difficult to know if a wordprocessor uses save and replace or if it scratches the file before doing a normal save. It is better to use two functions and delete such an alternative save.

The computer has a limited memory which is further reduced by

the inclusion of the program itself. This means that computer storage space is at a premium and when a document will overrun the allotted memory space, longer documents have to be stored over several files and a linker facility to chain them together makes life a little easier. A special code inserted at the end of each document file combines the files into a long chain so that when each one finishes printing, the next part loads and prints automatically.

Special facilities to call up the directory and to send disk commands are useful especially when formating a new disk for file storage. Equally, the ability to send special codes to the printer lengthens the life of a machine because printer technology is advancing rapidly with new commands and features being added with each new machine.

Printers fall into various categories. Commodore has its own code, Epson have a different set, compatibles may vary from the Epson standard in small but important ways, and there are still many manufacturers doing their own thing where codes are concerned.

There are three ways of combatting the diversity needed. The onwards way out is to support one machine type and let owners of the others battle with the problem by sending out character strings commands themselves or relying on an external interface to cope with the problem. The workman system is to incorporate an interpreter which asks for the information for creating special effects. This information is then stored as a block in memory which asks for the information for creating special effects. This information is then stored as a block in memory which can be saved and loaded when required. The heretic, idiot-proof option is my favourite where a command is added to the program asking what type of printer is being used. According to the response, a ready made file is loaded from the master disk and the option is up and running from day one. This system also incorporates the workman-like facility for save, print and spool of printer.

The more expensive wordpros usually allow user defined codes to be used. Special keys are reserved and these can be pressed either to send extra codes to printer or to issue strings of wordprocessor commands. In all cases, colour of screen, borders and characters can be customised and printers should be easily absorbed for

those times when some error becomes obvious at a late stage.

Extra Powers

Many wordpros are now accompanied by a spelling checker which will sift through the text and query any word which it doesn't recognise. The best checker that I've used is the one accompanying Laporter's Writer 128. It is both fast and has a good initial vocabulary which can be edited and expanded. Some spelling checkers are ludicrously slow and inflexible incorporating words which, though difficult to spell, are hardly ever used in common parlance.

A spell checker is a utility and not a magic word. For example, I seem to have developed a nasty habit of writing 'their' when I mean 'there'. I know the difference but just can't seem to break the habit. No spelling checker will correct grammatical or syntactical errors so a command of the English language is still a requirement of the user.

For punctuation like myself, a word or character count is essential. Most of the programs go beyond this and give paragraph and sentence counts.

One feature which can be useful (but you won't require) is manipulation of figures in a built-in calculator. Normally these are limited in accuracy to two decimal places for financial calculations.

The final facility is one which is purely a business or club feature. When a circular is to be sent in batches of mail shot, it can be extremely time consuming changing addresses and names to personalise these communications. A mail merge function allows keywords from a specially constructed file to be substituted where indicated in the text allowing a high degree of customising to take place.

Most people will at some time be subject to the amazingly pleased Feeder's Digest special offer using cosy phrases like "The Doyle family has been specially selected", or "Imagine the expression on the faces of your friends, Eric". Look carefully at the construction of the messages and you'll soon realise that you're a victim of a mail shot. How many children receive special offers for themselves and their wives or husbands? How many twelve year olds have received the chance to win a car of their own. Computer intelligence is limited!

The mail merge is almost a standard in small business ways, but some also look through databases which saves the unnecessary process of creating two such files. The C128 version of SuperScript can result in memory alongside SuperBase. For mail merge processing this has a distinct advantage.

What to Look For

When buying a wordpro the first consideration is to sit down and work out which facilities you need, anticipate those which may be of use in the future and then start ploughing through the range to find a system that suits your needs and your pocket.

Just because the program has everything that you need doesn't mean that it's definitely the one for you. It's possible ask for a demonstration because although most wordpros offer similar basic features the way that the end effect is achieved may not be appealing.

Check that the program supports the printer that you intend to use. A bad selection here would be an expensive error.

Some wordpros allow files to be saved as ASCII files. The advantage of these programs is that commonly used files can be transferred to a new wordpro. If a change in system is considered and files can be transferred to any computer through a modem.

If modem linking is an essential feature, Paperclip 128 has built-in terminal software. A comprehensive program such as this means that programs hopping between wordpros and terminals can be avoided.

Lamers should be avoided. It's very easy to say that buying the wordpro that was everything will cover all future developments but the manual will also be complex. This makes it difficult to sort out the essential features that you require.

For most wordpros the manual is an essential companion. Eventually the commonly used codes will become familiar but the lesser used commands will have to be looked up. A manual which has a printed guide to commands can be a boon. SuperScript has a very useful menu display which can be called up to readily access all of the commonly used features. A program with a Help screen can also be a good buy.

SuperScript

Supplier: Precision Software, 6 Park Terrace, Worcester Park, Surrey KT4 1HZ.
Price: C64 disk £24.95
C128 disk £28.95

Comments: This is my favourite because it's the most user-friendly system. It has a wide range of printer files, a reasonable spelling checker and a calculator. The readily accessible command menu is brilliant. C128 version has 40/80 columns and can reside in memory with SuperBase.

Easy Script

Supplier: Commodore Business Machines, Connaught House, The Switchback, Gardner Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 7AA.
Price: C64 disk £39.95 (plus a freebie with the 128).
Comments: This is really a less user friendly SuperScript without the menu or the spelling checker. The price makes SuperScript the better buy.

Writer 1289

Supplier: Logotron, c/o Vector Services, 13 Duxington Road, Wellington, Nottingham NG8 2LR.
Price: C64 disk £12.95

Comments: Don't be fooled by the price, this is an excellent new wordpro with the best spelling checker that I've seen. The features are worthy of a package costing twice as much.

Paperclip

Supplier: Wiz Aiolosoft, can still be found in shops.
Price: C64 and C128 disk £44.95

Comments: Undoubtedly an excellent package but inhibited by price. The C128 version has 80 column screen capability and modem terminal. Excellent 12,000 word Spell Checker is not available on all versions so buy with care.

Textword

Supplier: Tummar
Price: C64 disk £21.95
Comments: The only true 80 column C64 wordpro but otherwise nothing startling. A good work horse.

Word Perfect

Supplier: Supersoft, ASL Software, Winchester House, Canning Road, Blandford, Dorset DT1 7EJ.
Price: C64 Disk £39.95, cassette £17.95
C128 disk £44.95, cassette £22.95

Comments: Word Perfect is a good basic wordpro and has the distinction of being the only one available for the C16. The printer interface is set up for Commodore only but special commands can be sent to other types of printer but no save facility is available so automatically avoid these commands when the wordpro is used again.

VisiWriter/Visi Classic

Supplier: Calca Software, Lakeside House, Kingston Hill, Surrey KT2 5QT.
Price: Write C64 disk £19.95 cartridge £48.95
Classic C128 disk £59.95

Comments: The editor's favorite. Phenomenally expensive Visiplus C128 package but has a full range of facilities. The Classic is only available for the 40-column mode. Help screens may be loaded from disk rather than referring to the manual.

Mini Office II

Supplier: Database, Europa House, 68 Chester Road, Hand Grove, Stockport, SK7 3NY.
Price: £16.95 (C64 £19.95 (Disk))

Comments: This is a fully integrated system incorporating wordpro, database, spreadsheet, Business graphics, comes pack and label printer. In sales terms made it a blockbuster. The wordpro is surprisingly good for such a low cost system. If a full pack is what you need, you could buy worse at three times the price.

Cafe/Fastec

Supplier: Wiz Aiolosoft, can still be found in shops.
Price: C64 disk £21.95
Comments: Extremely user friendly but basic package. Main feature is the text transfer referred to in its title.

DSTRUCTURED PROGRAM DESIGN

Although the advantages of structured programming are often mentioned, there seems little information which explains how to achieve it! So for those of you who would like to improve the standard of your programs – read on!

By Derek Barrett

Traditionally, and I am the first to admit to having done this, home computer programmers often write their programs by sitting at the keyboard and just typing away. If a new idea for a routine comes into their head they slip it in a GOTO, and add the new piece at the end. This leads to 'Spaghetti' programs where GOTUs are sprinkled randomly throughout the code. Anyone who tries to read such a program often ends up in a mess trying to unravel it.

This is not to say that the orderly use of GOTUs is wrong; sometimes the only way round a problem is to use them. It is only when they are used indiscriminately that they lead to confusion.

If you're used to diagramming your programs by flowcharts, you'll know that even in the early stages, you must

think in terms of the smallest detail of code that will be needed in the final program. Constant redefinition and refinement is needed in the design before it can be run.

The technique described in this article allows you to start from simple 'root' ideas and refine each step as you progress through the design phase. The final design will look rather like an inverted tree, with the branches forming the paths of the design. That is why the technique is called top-down design.

Each branch can be designed independently and in any order. Often the easiest solution to a problem is to start by thinking of how to produce the output that will be required and then work backwards through the stages that are needed to produce that output.

Language Independent Code

An advantage of this method is that the designs you produce are completely portable and can be coded into any language on any computer. So whether you program in Basic, Pascal, PASCAL or even assembly, the same rules apply. You can also use the techniques for everyday decisions, totally unrelated to computer programming.

Think about this - you have just produced a brilliant program. A friend sees it and would like to run it on his machine. However his computer is not compatible with a different dialect of Basic, and anyway he prefers to program in Pascal as he finds that at work. With top down programming there is no problem. Just give him a copy of the design and he can code it himself. This is much better than trying to redesign the program from your scrambled Basic.

The beauty of top down design is that no complicated new terminology or diagrams are used. If you can draw a simple rectangle you can start to design well-structured programs.

Right, let's get on with it. There are only three elements to structured design:

- Sequences
- Selection
- Repetition

Sequences

A sequence is the basic building block of top down design; each box indicates an action that will be carried out. The top box indicates the program title and is subdivided into lower boxes which indicate the processes needed for the program to perform its function.

If you look at Figure 1 you'll see A is a sequence of B to F which are the main stages needed in a program to compare the latest reading of a car mileage with a previous reading and printing the difference.

At this stage of the design, the program has been broken down into manageable chunks with no attempt to define the detail that will be needed to solve the problem. Imagine you are writing a book. Box A is the book title and B to F are the chapter headings. The contents of these chapters will be written later. Similarly boxes B to F will be broken down as the design

continues until the final solution is reached. Each box contains one action only and the temptation to group others into one box must be avoided as it will lead to confusion.

Although Figure 1 is shown as being self-contained it could easily be part of a much larger program, for perhaps, a vehicle fleet servicing system. Very often a large program is best tackled by splitting it into sections that can be considered separately.

For those of you more familiar to reading flowcharts the position of the linking lines from A to B, A to C etc. may seem strange, but you will see the reason for this when we expand the ideas further.

Selection

This is the second of the structures to be learnt and has the same function as IF...THEN in Basic. The only addition to our simple box is the address of an 'x' in the upper right of the box.

Figure 2 shows a simple example of IF...THEN. You'll see that the actions are a subdivision of box A which serves as a 'Dummy' box i.e., it should be used as a common line in the final code to aid legibility.

Box B is the IF part of the statement and Box C contains a line to show that nothing is to be done if the conditions of the IF statement is not met.

Box D forms the THEN part of the statement. You will notice that the instructions are written in pseudo code to make it easier to use the features of the language you will eventually code in.

Figure 3 expands this example to illustrate the IF...THEN...ELSE construction found in most languages. In this case there is an alternate action to be taken, with the ELSE part of the statement in box E. With this type of construction, flow is only allowed to go from A to B or A to C.

In other words, if the condition of B is TRUE, program flow will continue at D (C and E will not be carried out). Conversely if B is FALSE C and E will be carried out. You can see from this that C in Figure 3 really means ELSE DO NOTHING. A is a selection of EITHER B or C but not both. Figure 4 extends this to form the CASE statement. In this case flow will go to one only of B,C,D or E.

Multiple conditions can also be

shown in the design (Figure 5) but you must be careful as it is easy to design a condition that can never be met, in which case the program could 'hang up' at that point. Box C can be coded using the WHILE construction if your language permits it. It is probably better, at least until you are confident in using the techniques, to use the nested condition statements (Figure 6).

Here Boxes F,J and L must be included to allow flow to continue if the conditions are not met. Incidentally, I have used letters adjacent to the boxes partly for ease when explaining the principle. Some software designers use nested numbers instead and I tend not to bother at all. It is entirely up to you.

Walking Through The Design

Before we go any further it is essential that you check the design thoroughly before you start to code it. The usual method is to 'walk' through the design, using dummy data, to ensure that it has the desired result and that no hidden traps have been put in.

The rule for reading a top down design is to start at the top and work down each branch, working from the left to the right.

Draw up a table of dummy data that will allow all the conditions of the stage to be tested. Now 'walk' through the design using this data to see where you end up.

We have entered the design at A, which is a sequence of B,C and D. Our test is only concerned with the detail for C at this stage.

In test, Task no.1, Batch Total=200, Total Quantity < MAX. (MAX is defined elsewhere in the program.)

E is TRUE so go on to G
G is also TRUE so carry out Action Box J.

We have now reached the end of a 'block' so we need go back to B. As this is an IF...THEN condition we cannot proceed to H or I as we will back to C which is also an IF...THEN so we go on to D. This is vital to the concept of Top Down and believe me it is easier to do than describe.

2nd walk through

Task no.1, Batch Total=150, Total



Figure 1 - example of sequence combination

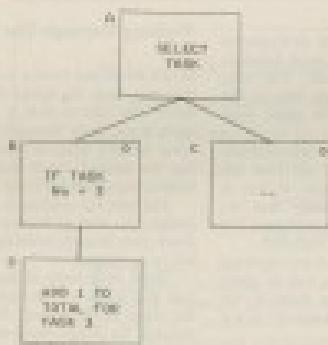


Figure 2 - selection with single choice

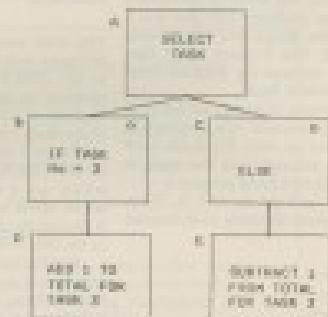


Figure 3 - selection with alternative paths

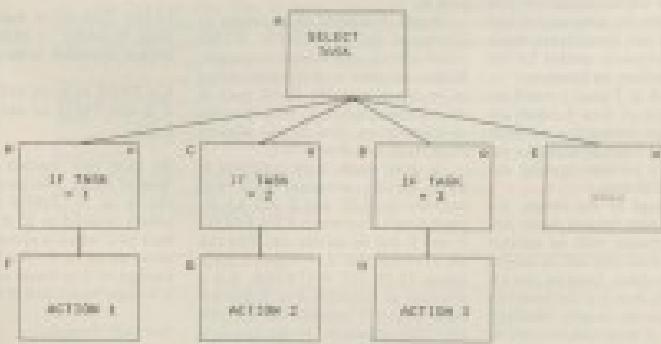


Figure 4 - structure of CASE statement

Quantity < Max.

E is TRUE so go to G

G is FALSE so go to H

H is TRUE so go to K

K is TRUE so do Action 2 at M then Action 3 at N. I have added a sequence to show the possibilities of design. L/M and N would be sub-divided in a real program.

4th week:

Task no. 3, Batch Total=200, Total Quantity < Max.

E is TRUE so go to G

G is FALSE so go to H

H is FALSE so go to I

I has no action so carry on at D.

4th week

Task no. 4, Batch Total=200, Total Quantity > Max.

E is FALSE so go to F

No action at F so carry on at D.

Get the idea now? But was it the result you expected? If it was you have succeeded in your design. If it wasn't then go back and redesign the bits that didn't work. A lot of refining is often needed at this stage, but the time spent getting the design right leads to less frustration when you run your masterpiece and find that it doesn't work as you expected, or, even worse, doesn't work at all.

Repetition

On to the last of the three elements. That of repetition, also known as iteration. You've all used the familiar FOR...NEXT construction of Basic, and possibly the allied REPEAT...UNTIL or WHILE...DO of more advanced languages. These are all forms of repetition. Repetition is merely the forming of a loop to do the same action many times over.

Once again we will use the familiar rectangle but this time add an asterisk (*) in the upper right of the box that is used as the control element.

For saved space doesn't allow us to run the whole article, and so look out for the second installment in the near future.

See listings on page 21

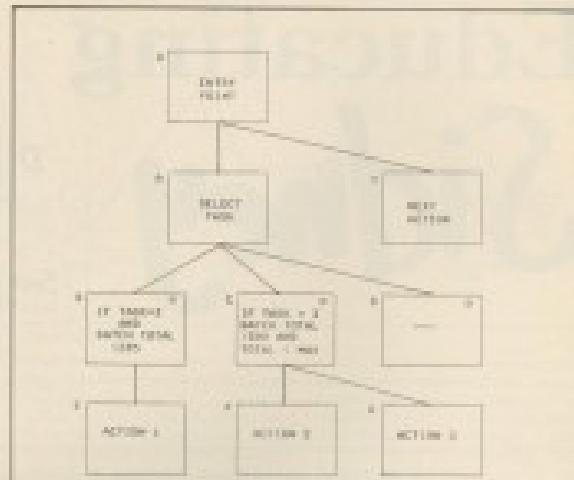


Figure 3 - selection with multiple conditions

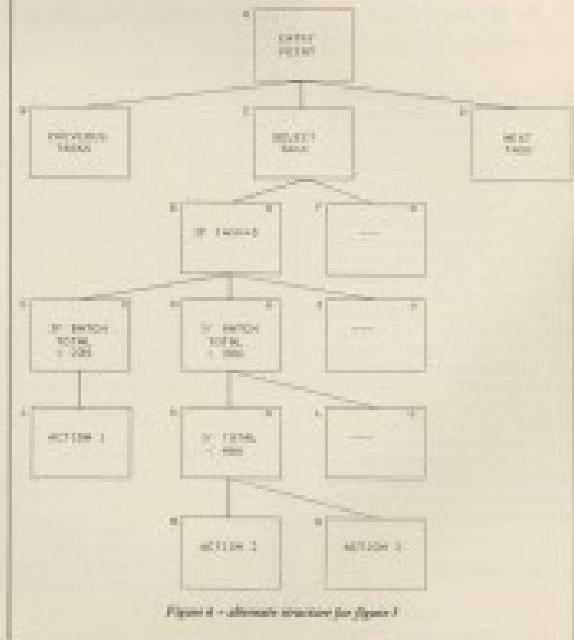


Figure 4 - alternate structure for figure 3

Educating Sidney



SID has never been the friendliest of characters, teaching him to be a little more sociable can't hurt....

By Richard Head

Using sound in your Basic programs has always been a bit of a struggle; hundreds of POKES, data statements and variables are needed to achieve the simplest beep - things could certainly be easier. Due to the physical structure of the chip, most of SID's registers are mapped to PEEKS. This means that accepted bit masking techniques won't work and your programs become a mess of variable arrays, or worse!

For example, POKE\$3236\$, (PEEK\$(3236)AND\$2) will set bit 3 of the VIC control register, causing VIC's bit map mode. POKE\$3235\$, (PEEK\$(3235)AND\$2) would be an easy way to select voice 2's waveform waveform, but as a PEEK to that location always returns a zero, so do all SID's registers (except the two paddle registers at 34287 and 34288), it's not a lot of use to us. This is one problem easily solved...

An Easy Solution

Enter SIDREAD. When initialised, this short machine code program

Table 1 - Individual Voice Controls

Register No.	v1	v2	v3	Description
0	7	14		Frequency-low byte
1	8	15		Frequency-high byte
2	9	16		Pulse Width-low byte
3	10	17		Pulse Width-high register (0-25)
4	11	18		Control Register
5	12	19		Attack/Delay control
6	13	20		Sustain/Release control

Table 2 - Overall Controls

Register No.	Description
21	Filter control/low synthesis (0-7)
22	Filter control/high byte
23	Filter input byte
24	Filter mode/volume byte

Table 3 - Other SID facilities

Register No.	Description
25	Paddle input 1
26	Paddle input 2
27	Random number generator
28	Voice 3 envelope output

wedges built into the 64k interrupt system. All it does is set up a dummy SID in RAM, copying its contents into the real SID every 60th of a second. Once the program is installed, any value poked into the RAM table is automatically copied into its corresponding SID register. Thus you can PEEK the RAM table, perform your tricks on the value, and POKE it back again. The earlier example will now work, once the address has been changed to point to the RAM table.

The code was originally written to sit at \$C300-\$D810, and load it direct from disk, but to make things easier still, I've produced a Basic generator program that will install a working version of the code anywhere in RAM, and save a copy in disk. SIDREAD is the program generator, and before you run it, make sure you set the base address in line 60 (it defaults to \$4952 (\$C300)). Beware though, if you try to put the code under the ROM, or any reserved RAM areas (next page), success RAM etc., it won't work.

When you Run the generator, the start and table addresses are displayed and it's probably worthwhile writing them down. Disk users get the option here of saving a working copy of the code to disk, just follow the screen prompts. To load the code back again, use LOAD\$filename\$A1.

With the code in place, SYSbase addressed will clear SID and initialize the table. Any poke to the table will automatically be copied to the corresponding SID register. Should you happen to hit RUNSTOP (RST\$008), you will need to re-initialize the table before using it again, via either SYSbase address, or SYSbase address + 10. The latter will re-initialize without clearing SID.

Getting it all in

SIDTEST is a demo program, load and run it, and nothing happens! This is because the program relies on PEEKing SID. Next, load and run the generator program, and re-load SID TEST. Now change line 10 to read SID=(base+48), and RUN. (If SIDREAD was Run straightoff, base+48 should equal \$0301). If all has gone well, you'll know about it!

Once you've created a working copy of the code at a suitable address, you're not restricted to using it in Basic programs; make use of it in your machine code programs as well! It

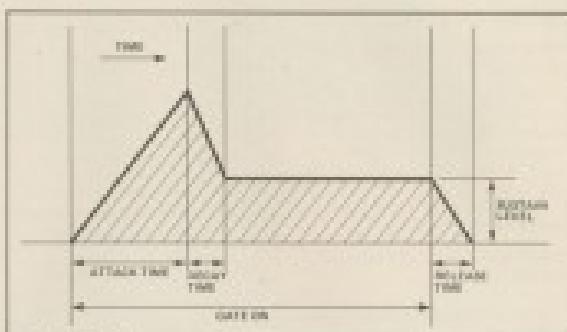


Figure 1 - SID waveform cycle

your machine program also uses interrupts - no problem. SIDREAD automatically sets the contents of SPOUT and \$0015 for its jump back to the normal interrupt system, so all you need to do is initialize any other interrupt routines before initializing SIDREAD.

Using the Tables

The tables are arranged in three groups. Tables (a), (b), and (c) map

out the registers in their various groups (individual voice controls, overall controls and output registers), while tables (d) to (f) show what each section does within certain registers. Finally, table (g) shows the ranges that SID's functions can be set to.

To set any single bit in a control register to a '1', use this simple formula (in conjunction with the SIDREAD program):

POKE BASE + REG, PEK(BASE+REG) AND VALUE

Table d - Control byte: Registers 6, 11, 18

Bit	Value	Bit no.	Function	Range
128	7		Random noise	1 = ON
64	6		Pulse waveforms	1 = ON
32	5		Sawtooth waveform	1 = ON
16	4		Triangle waveform	1 = ON
8	3		Tone bit	1 = Double
4	2		Ring modulator	1 = ON
2	1		Synchronise	1 = ON
1	0		Gate	1 = ADPS, 0 = start Release

Table e - Attack/Decay: Registers 5, 12, 19

Value	Bit no.	Function	Range
240	7-6	Attack Time	0-15
0	5-0	Decay Time	0-15

Table f - Sustain/Release: Registers 6, 13, 18

Value	Bit no.	Function	Range
240	7-6	Sustain Level	0-15
0	5-0	Release Time	0-15

and to turn a bit off, use:

POKE BASE + REG.PEEK(BASE + REG.ORG),255-VALUE

Where **BASE** is the start of the RAM table, **REG** is the register number and **VALUE** is the binary 'weight' of the bit in that register. (The figure in the 'values' column of the table.)

For example: to select voice 3's waveform waveform, use:

POKE BASE + 11,PEEK(BASE + 11)AND 32

Or to set voice 1's output to bypass the filter, use:

POKE BASE+21, PEEK(BASE+21) OR 255-1

Figure 3 is a graph of volume against time, showing how SID's envelope generator works. The colour or 'timbre' envelope of a sound is one of the primary factors deciding what the sound will 'sound' like. Try experimenting with different values and note the differences.

See dialogue on page 73.

Table 4 - Filter input byte: Register 23

Value Bit no Function

240	7-4	Filter resonance	0-15
0	3	Filter external	1 = yes
4	2	Filter voice 3	1 = yes
2	1	Filter voice 2	1 = yes
1	0	Filter voice 1	1 = yes

Table 5 - Filter mode/volume byte: Register 24

Value Bit no Function

128	7	Volume 3 output	1 = off
64	6	High pass mode	1 = on
32	5	Band pass mode	1 = on
16	4	Low pass mode	1 = on
12	3-0	Master volume	0-25

Table 1 - SID Function Ranges

Function	Range	Value
Oscillator Frequency	0-48 KHz	0-49993
Attack time	20ms-1s	0-15
Decay time	0ms-24s	0-15
Sustain level	0-peaks volume	0-15
Holdoff time	0ms-24s	0-15
Pulse width	0-100%	0-4995
Filter range	20Hz-12KHz	0-3047

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The Normandy landings produced many heroic moments, however, it didn't provide a direct confrontation between Patton (who arrived one week after the landings) and Rommel (who was injured one week before). Electronic Arts, not letting facts get in the way of a good simulation, has produced a game that matches these two in a head-to-head fight.

The game was written by Chris Crawford, who wrote the all-time classic *Eastern Front*, and provides the same simple but realistic game mechanics and a tough computer opponent.

Unlike other war games where the object is to defend the enemy forces, *Patton vs Rommel* is a battle-for-territory in the shape of towns. The allied forces have just a few days to break through the German lines and capture as many towns as possible by moving through them. The German player must halt their progress and maintain their line of defense as long as possible.

The state of the game, which is played in turns, is represented as a victory point total which will begin and stay negative until the allies take towns, where it will gradually increase until a positive score achieves an allied victory. A German player must keep the score negative to win the game either by halting the allied advance or by taking captured towns.

The screen displays is entirely black and white, which is easily explained except it may be to mirror the Macintosh. Though why ignoring the C64's excellent graphic capabilities is beyond me.

Most of the screen is filled by a fraction of the battle map and can be scrolled across it by moving a window over the map icon. The dark areas represent high ground and show down progress that covers it. Conversely, the white roads connecting the towns form the quickest way to travel.

There are just two types of units in the game, infantry

and tanks although these symbols actually represent more accurate factors such as supporting artillery which are displayed whenever a unit is selected. By clicking other icons the units can be displayed instead in arrows showing which way they are facing, circles representing the total and actual strengths and by dots at widening cracks showing the damage they have sustained. A badly cracked unit could run if it met a determined and even weaker opponent.

To issue an order to a unit is a simple case of selecting (clicking) it and then pointing to where you want it to go. In the basic game it will try and move there as quickly as it can, but will stop and fight any enemy units it goes near. In the intermediate level you must give more specific orders by clicking icons that command a unit to turn clockwise or anti-clockwise and move forward in one of seven modes which range from the rapid movement, but open to attack road to the artillery assault of static attack mode.

Whatever your orders the computers will then carry them out before either Patton or Rommel, and where appropriate will comment on your performance and may even pass on the odd tip.

Once you have broken through or held the lines of defence several times you may be looking for the new challenge that's ready and waiting, and allows you to edit the game to produce a much tougher Expert level game.

Patton vs Rommel has a few quirks such as the menu display, but is well thought out and will challenge even experienced computer generals.

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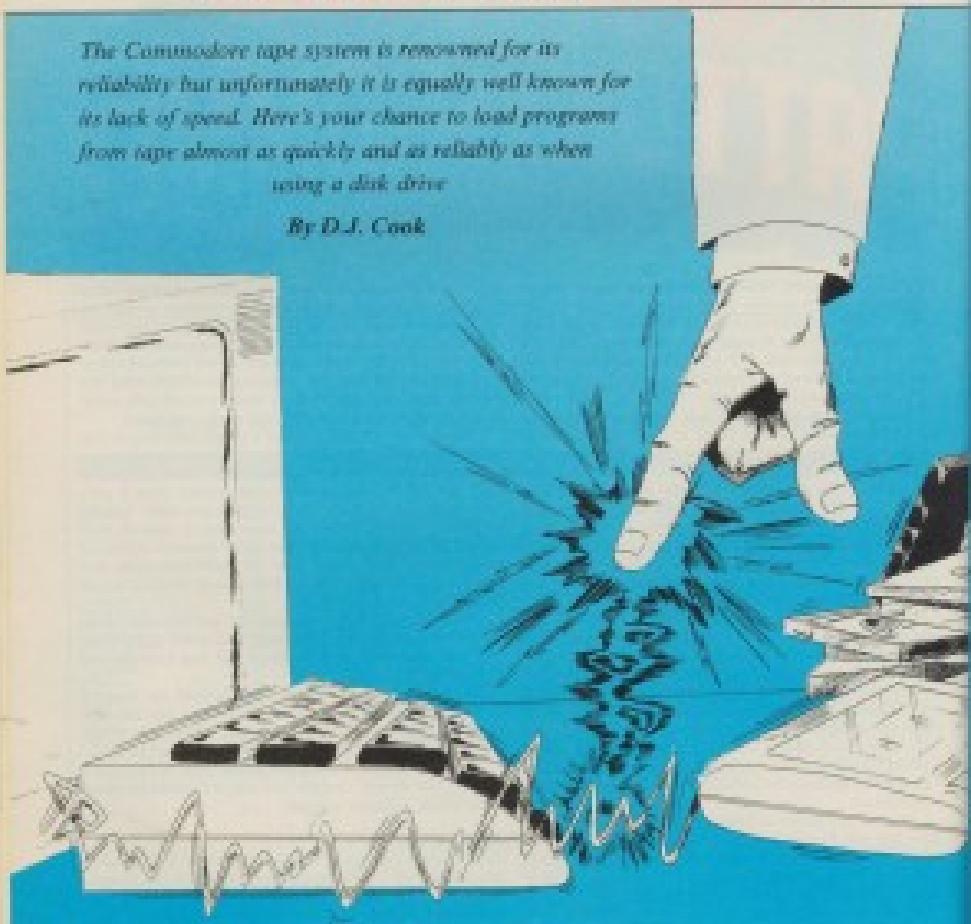
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TAPE ORGANISER

The Commodore tape system is renowned for its reliability but unfortunately it is equally well known for its lack of speed. Here's your chance to load programs from tape almost as quickly and as reliably as when using a disk drive

By D.J. Cook





The program uses a directory program which is saved on the fast program as a tape and stores all the names of all the programs on the tape presenting them as a menu. Once a program is chosen the tape is wound on or fast speed to the start of that program, as this wind-on is controlled entirely by the directory program there is no need to sit watching the tape counter.

The program can then be loaded using the fast loader which is automatically installed by the directory.

Creating The Program

First of all type in program 1. This program contains the machine code fast load routine. When the program is correct SAVE a copy for later use and then run the program.

Having run program 1 you should save the program using POKE 1 and then type in program 2. Do not run the program at this stage as you may cause the computer to crash with the STS command. SAVE a copy of the program.

When you are satisfied that the program is correct you should put a blank tape into the recorder with the position of the leader tape and the magnetic recording tape positioned on the left pad of the cassette. Ensure positioning of the tape such that the directory is stored and reserved areas of the directory never overwritten when programs are on the tape).

With the tape in position type in STS 48887. This calls a machine code routine to transfer the fast loader to the end of the BASIC program and then saves both the BASIC and machine code as a single composite program. The composite program can be loaded and saved in exactly the same way as a normal BASIC program but since the machine code is added the BASIC programs cannot be edited. If there are any errors in the program they must be corrected before calling STS 48887.

Running A Program Using The Directory

To run a program from an ordinary tape onto a directory controlled tape you should first load the directory from the beginning of the cassette and overwrite the appropriate DATA

statement with the name of your program. Take care not to alter the length of the DATA statement and check that POKE 18721 returns the number 1499. Once the DATA statement is correctly altered you should then re-save the altered directory in the same position as the tape in the original by positioning the position between the leader tape and the magnetic tape on the left pad of the cassette. Do not press stop, or rewind the tape. Run the program and follow the screen prompts. The tape will wind on automatically to the start of the sector in which the program is going to be stored. Remove the tape without rewinding and keep to one side. Now load the programs you want to save and when correctly loaded replace the directory tape in the recorder and fast save the program using DS "name of program". The program is now saved on the appropriate sector and can be directly accessed by the directory.

Loading Programs Using the Directory

This is the easy part. Load and run the directory. Follow all the screen prompts (especially the one that says stop the tape). Use DS to load your program and press the space bar or Command key once the FOUND..... appears and that's all there is to it. This program is very efficient at finding and loading programs and is the most invaluable program I have ever seen.

I never see memory larger than C20 as I find longer tapes take more time to wind on to programs and they stretch and break more easily. One side of a C20 can store up to ten 20K programs which I feel is enough on one tape though the directory does have sufficient DATA statements for up to 20 programs if you want to use longer tapes.

The sectors defined by this program are large enough to store programs up to 20K. If a longer program is saved it will occupy more than one sector so be careful when using long programs not to overwrite any programs already stored on the tape. If most of your programs are larger than 20K then the sector size can be increased by increasing the 250 in line 138 to suit your own requirements, or if your programs are much shorter you can save time and

tape by decreasing the 250 appropriately.

How the Directory Works

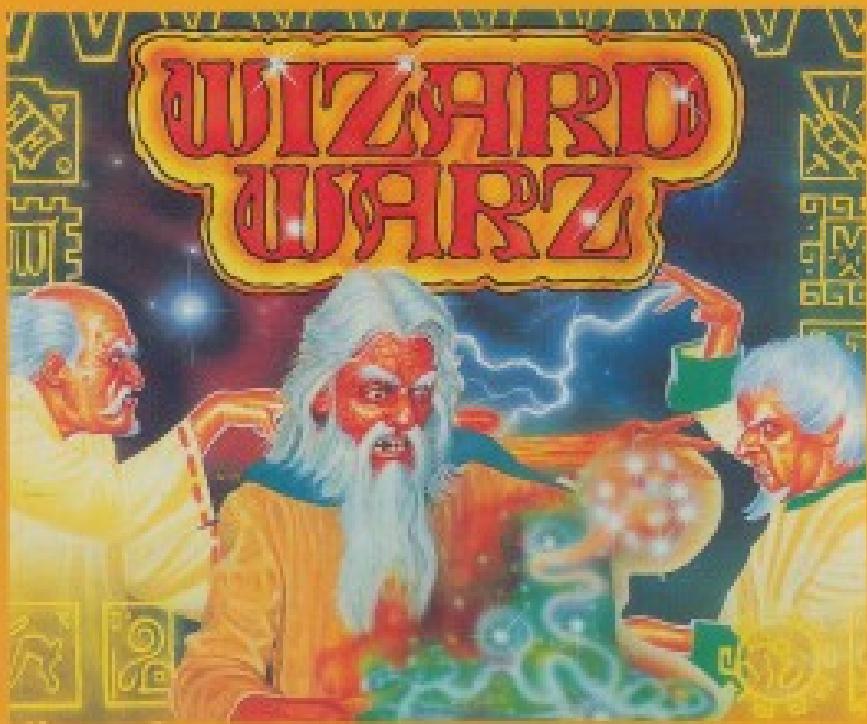
The tape motor can be controlled by POKing registers 1 and 182 with the appropriate numbers (POKE 1,128 stops the tape and POKE 1,171 starts it again) as in Lines 118 to 140. Unfortunately the operating system constantly checks to see if a key is depressed on the numeric and numeric keys respectively. The way I have got round this is to have a slight loop constantly POKing the registers and the space bar is pressed. This allows the directory to be changed from PLAT to FAST FORWARD without the tape motor starting up. When the space bar is pressed the tape motor is started by POKE 1,171 and the tape is wound on at fast forward speed to the beginning of the chosen sector.

The timing of the winding uses TI, the internal clock of the 64 which is incremented every 1/60th of a second. Now, due to wind on, and therefore how far along the tape the sector is, is determined by the number of the chosen program and is constant (250 in this case). This divides the tape into sectors of approximately 12.8cm length which is about 1/60th of recording time at 4.2cm/s at fast forward speed. Each sector can hold about 20K of programs using the fast load routine or slightly less than 2K using a normal save.

The machine code fastload is transferred into memory from 49152 to 50778. This area is not normally used by BASIC and should not cause problems with BASIC programs but the fastload will be incompatible with any machine code routines which use this area of memory. The program alters the character definition routine (J100 to J201) to allow the DS and DV commands to be implemented. If you want to change the fast load routine then STS 5558481 will restore the normal version while STS 5491255 will restore the fast load.

The directory program can be used without the fast load using the normal save and load routines but the 250 in line 138 needs to be greatly increased to accommodate the greater tape length recorded by the slow save. If the machine code is restored then the STS command must also be restored in the corresponding locations.

See also page 73



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and Bear Lord and ending with a final battle with the Dragon Lord.

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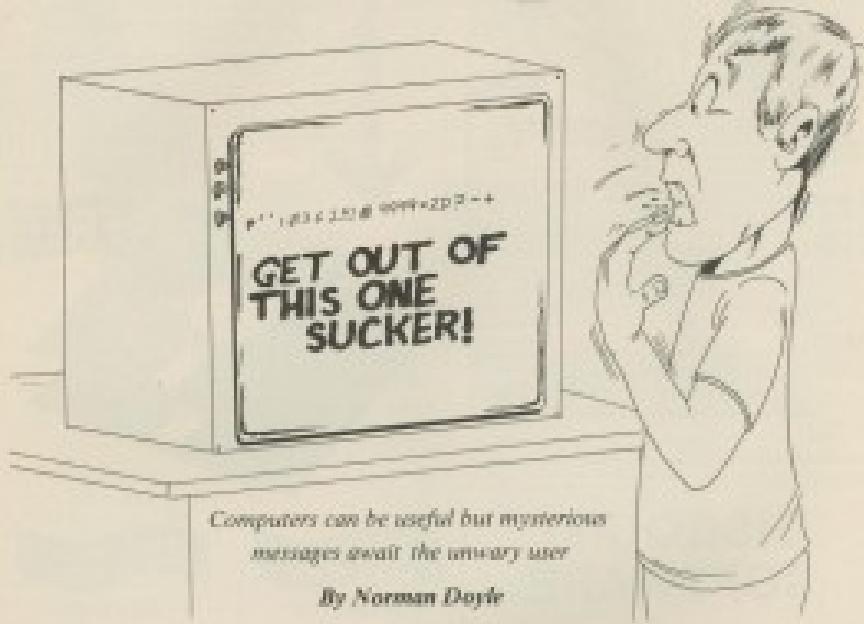
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First Steps



Computers can be useful but mysterious messages await the unwary user

By Norman Doyle

Cast your mind back to the early days of computing. A computer was something the ZX 81 had mutated into the Spectrum and the VIC-20 was being superseded by the Commodore 64. Magazines were full of articles relating to the revolutionary benefits of the new technology. Home accounts would be held on computers, databases would hold all the names, addresses and birthdates of friends and relatives, and the computer would even control the improved household gadgets which would result. To brutally paraphrase Plato, the reality has proved to be less than the dreams.

Small businesses could certainly benefit through the use of the C128 and many would even find the C64 and disk drive beneficial, but the problem here is one of credibility. Amstrad's Alan Sugar observed recently that business people prefer to use equipment which is not identified with the domestic market. Egoty-

such as this probably explains why the Commodore PET was so successful with large and small business but, in the shadow of the PC, the C128 has not prospered.

Application Error

Computer was not achieved for one main reason - in most cases the tasks are not complicated enough to merit the time and trouble of loading and using the software. Until hard disks become cheaper or an easy-to-use instant retrieval system is devised, home accounts will be worked out on cassette packets, bit-mash databases will still be called Pilefiles and home gadgets will retain an unchallengeable mind of their own. The only area where a computer has proved beneficial is in the realm of wordprocessing and basic payroll.

One of the most rewarding pastimes is programming - it stretches the mind and usually rewards the

programmer with something that can be used over and over again. One of the less pleasurable aspects is debugging. Everyone would like to create something that works first time but that isn't always possible.

Whatever the make of the computer, one thing they all have in common is the infamous error message generator. The Commodore 64 has 22 of these messages and the C128 has 44, as shown in the panel. Over the next few issues *First Steps* will look at each message in turn and consider the reasons why these occur and how to find, correct and avoid them.

Too Many Files

Commodore 64

When this error is reported the program has attempted to open more than ten files. The simple solution is to check that all the files are necessary and prune out those which are not needed or redundant.

If such an incorrect range of files is necessary, it is unlikely that they will be receiving information simultaneously. In multiple file programs, it is always good practice to open a file, read or write the information necessary and then close it again immediately.

File Open

Occasional program error

When opening a file there are three values following the OPEN command. The first is the file number which can, with few exceptions, be any number between 1 and 255. The second value is the device number and the third is the secondary address which determines the kind of operation that is to take place.

The file number is the one used when communicating with a device using file handling commands such as PRINT#1, INPUT#, and GET#. This error means that an open file is already using the value. If you use the file number in a connection from the computer to one peripheral device. Although several of these lines can be attached to the same device, it is not possible to connect more than one peripheral on a single line.

The solution to this problem is to allocate a different number to the file. With 255 numbers to choose from this shouldn't be difficult because only ten files can be open at any one time (see too many files).

File Not Open

Occasional program error

This also relates to the file number and occurs when a file handling command uses a value which has not yet been allocated to any device. The answer to this is simple, either open a new file or find a file which has already been opened and allocate the value to the handling command.

File Not Found

Occasional user error

This is principally a disk error and simply means that a file for loading or verifying has not been found on the disk currently in the drive. This can result when the wrong disk is in the

drive, if the directory has been corrupted in some way, or through typing errors.

The only way around this reported disk error is to shrug your shoulders and promise to be more careful in future, format a new disk and start again. Otherwise the answer is to check the directory and then enter the correct disk or correct the spelling of the file name.

In general and this error should never occur.

Device Not Present

Occasional user error

This is displayed as a file command issued to a peripheral which is not connected or is turned off. Care should be taken when this occurs. If the device is connected it can usually be switched on with no problem. If it has not been connected the only safe solution is to switch the computer off and wait again after connecting the device.

If the device is the cassette recorder or disk drive and a program is running, which will be lost if the computer is switched off, drastic measures must be taken. Ensure that the device is switched off and that any other peripherals connected through it are also off. Next check that the plug is correctly positioned for insertion and then carefully push the device connector into the relevant computer port. DON'T wobble the plug about. Finally switch the device on.

This procedure is contrary to any safety regulations and should only be used as an emergency measure. Loss of data will result, at best, in the computer doing a warm start or most -at worst- possibly damage the input/output chips inside the computer peripheral as well!

Cartridges and user port connections should ONLY be done with the computer turned off. It is very easy to damage these connections and short across terminals which should never ever meet.

Table 1 : Commodore Error Messages

Peripheral Errors	Operational Errors
TOO MANY FILES	NEXT WITHOUT FOR
FILE OPEN	RETURN WITHOUT GOSUB
FILE NOT FOUND	OUT OF DATA
DEVICE NOT PRESENT	OUT OF NO MORE
NOT INPUT FILE	UNDEF'D STATEMENT
NOT OUTPUT FILE	REDEFINED ARRAY
BAD DATA	ILLEGAL DIRECT
MISSING FILE NAME	BREAK
ILLEGAL DEVICE NUMBER	CANT' CONTINUE
MISSING FILE NAME	SYNTAX
LOAD	
VERIFY	
FILE DATA	
	Additional C128/Plus Errors
	CANT RESUME
	LOOP NOT FOUND
	LOOP WITHOUT DO
	DIRECT MODE ONLY
	NO GRAPHICS AREA
	BAD DISK
	Extra C128 Errors
	BEND-NOT FOUND
	LINE # TOO LARGE
	UNRESOLVED REFERENCE
	UNIMPLEMENTED COMMAND
	FILE READ

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SPLIT RATE

With the prices of hardware constantly falling, bulletin boards are using intelligent modem equipment that accepts a variety of incoming baud rates. The owner wants to set as high speed as possible to minimize both the waiting time and telephone bill. Cheap RS232 type modems can often cope with both 300/300 and 1200/75 baud and unless you are planning to upload software, 1200/75 is by far the best to use - after all, most of your time is spent reading rather than writing.

A sending terminal emulator is very easy to program if you restrict yourself to 300/300 since the Commodore RS232 implementation can cope with this directly. There is even a perfectly useable BASIC version in the Programmers Reference Guide. However, to allow the computer to send at a different rate to the one at which it is receiving requires a little more work. 1200 baud is also too fast for BASIC and machine code needs to be used to make sure that the receiver buffer does not overflow.

The real benefit of the faster reception is when it is used to download software from a bulletin board. However, there is always the problem of telephone line noise, and so, some form of error checking is needed. This program uses the very common Xmodem protocol.

How It Works

The program consists of a BASIC section that does all the setting up required. There is no rush for this. Terminal emulation and the download part are in the machine code section.

Terminal emulation consists of reading the character codes of the keys passed to the RS232 output and passing the received character codes onto the screen. Bulletin boards work in proper ASCII which has the upper and lower case letters swapped, compared with Commodore. This conversion needs to be performed for both transmitting and receiving. Any control codes may be sent to the RS232 output, but they are filtered out of the input to prevent interference characters affecting the display. Standard ETERM routines have been rewritten to allow an independent baud rate.

The download protocol consists of sending or receiving 10 byte packets. Each packet consists of SOH (ASCII 0) followed by the packet number and the 3% complements of the packet number. Then, there are 128 bytes of data and finally a single byte checksum calculated by taking the least significant byte from the sum of the data bytes. Transfer is initiated by the receiving computer sending NAK (ASCII 21).

The sending computer then sends

out the first 10 byte packet. If the packet number and the checksum are correct, the receiving computer will then send ACK (ASCII 6) and the sender will send the next packet, but if either of these values are wrong, then NAK is sent to tell the sender to repeat that packet. The final packet has its data padded out to 128 bytes by control-Z (ASCII 26) characters, and when the sending computer is asked for another packet, it sends SOH (ASCII 4) instead of SOH and waits for a reply of ACK before stopping.

This may all seem a little long-winded, but it does mean that any transmission error should be detected, and the whole file should be transferred correctly. A mistake of a single byte can cause that a program will not work.

Getting it all in

There are two versions of the program, one for the C64 and one for the C128. These are both BASIC programs which poke in the machine code programs each time the program is run. The machine code section has built-in error checking and the BASIC section can be modified as required. Simply type `L65`. The C128 version works in both 40 and 80 column modes and automatically switches to fast mode where possible.

BAUD TERMINAL

By William Seltzer

In Use

When the program runs without any errors, you will be confronted by a menu. The baud rate and protocol options are self evident. If neither is used, then the RS232 port is set to 300/300 baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit and no parity. This can be changed if required.

Online opens the RS232 channel and enters the terminal mode. This will switch most modems online, but you may have to do this manually. Normally, you need to dial the required telephone number, wait until you hear the computer answer tones and then switch the modem to online. You may also need to hit return a few

times to get the other computer to acknowledge you. To get back to the main menu, press Commodore-Q.

Modem send and receive are surprisingly for sending and receiving files with the Amodem protocol. To use these, access the Susterm board with the online option and activate file transfer at that end. Then press Commodore-Q to return to the menu and select the send or receive option as required. You will then be prompted for a filename and the display will show the status of the file transfer. When this has finished, you will be returned to the main menu. To abort at any stage, press Commodore-Q. Xmodem as the host is often cancelled with Control-X. Note: amodem will

only work with 8 data bit protocols.

ASCII/Pet conversion is for converting between the two character coding systems. Conversion from ASCII to Pet codes also removes any line feeds from the file since these are usually unwanted. Other control codes are left unaltered.

Other Uses

Amodem is often used for file transfer along RS232 lines between computers so this program is quite handy for getting your Commodore to talk to any other computer you may own - assuming you have suitable software for them.

See Ratings on page 73.





*Can the new Expert cartridge disk system broadside
WARP 25?*

By Eric Doyle

TRILOGIC'S ROCKET ATTACK

WHEN Triologic launched its Expert cartridge disk board, it was just a RAM cartridge and do nothing but a ROM cartridge. Triologic proved you had to do good until the release of David's Action Replay Professional IV cartridge with WARP 25 fast disk loader. The Expert just couldn't keep pace.

Now the RAM cartridge is broadening up the cart wars with a new operating system, Expert V3.28, which includes a new program called Rocket Turboload which attempts to take on WARP at its own high speed game.

The principal of state is that The Expert is based on a RAM chip which can be programmed from disk or tape

or Direct ROM IV is ROM based. This means that an update for The Expert costs the price of a new disk (\$12.95) but an update for ARP-IV means the price of a new cartridge (internally \$24.45).

Although The Expert allows more memory, the ARP-IV cartridge has an extremely fast disk loader which gives it a slight edge for some users.

Rocket Turboload attempts to reduce the burden on the factory but how do the two systems compare?

Round One:

A program was chosen which filled up 200 blocks of computer memory

(20800-BU1FFF). The operating disk was heavily formatted so that the track data for both systems' loaders would fit the sum. To use WARP all that needs to be done is to plug in the cartridge, load the program from tape, switch the cartridge to slot one port. After this a basic program is required which loads a new block boot.

The Expert is easier to use. First the operating system has to be loaded into the cartridge, then the routine follows a similar path as the WARP system but a final step has to be added. A blank disk has to be formatted, a second program (Rocket Turboload) has to be loaded, and the program for saving is transferred from



the normal Export disk to the newly formatted disk through Recast Terminal.

On balance the firm round goes to ARP IV for convenience but Expert scores highly because fewer program conditions trip out the system. ARP IV efficiency against Expert reliability.

Round Trip

Compression of the program rendered a reduction from 202 to 172 blocks on ALP IV. Expert initially reduced the program to 158 blocks but after processing through the Raster converter this increased to 187 blocks. A slight performance advantage to Trilogic

Reloading the program through the ARP IV WARP system always means loading the loader program first. This displays a menu and the cursor has to be moved onto the program required. The RETURN key then initiates the load. The load took about 50 seconds.

Socket is easier to use as long as you know the program's name. Using the normal LOAD command followed by "R!program.A1" automatically boots the program. This load took about seven seconds.

Although it is obvious that WARP will have a slight edge on speed, the need to select through the loader affects the overall speed depending on how quickly the user loads and runs the menu, selects the desired program and presses RETURN. On balance the second named goes to The Expert for convenience of use.

Round Three

The final round is a measure of the stamina of both the contestants. Which can survive the longest?

Both cartridges offer a special 'stepping' feature through which notes and infinite loops can be added, and both have respectable memory capacities. Once again The Expert has the edge with joystick port swapping so that all games will use the port of your choice, a Sprites Extractor program to allow the saving and saving a much improved sprite editor, and an infinite life creator which doesn't work on all programs but will work on most.

The brochure panel is turned home because The Report is reprogrammable and there is still room for future additions to the system at low cost. ABR IV addition would have to be added using a new chip and could cost ten times the cost of an update disk.

"Wuchs und Wirk?"

The controversy surrounding cartridges ends with ever increasing intensity. Are these diskless keys to success? Or do they unlock protected programs or are they useful teaching utilities which can lay bare the bones of programming structures? The fact that the cartridges can be used to copy almost software programs does open up the piracy field but, as Alan Sugar proved recently with his twin cassette decks, it is not illegal to advertise or

will depend on the results from a longitudinal study.

Let's face it, many programmers and programming houses make use of The Expert and its like for developmental and exploratory purposes. Can anyone justify condoning through private use while condemning a product in public? Cartridges MUST never be used for play but does any one have progressive programming techniques without a cartridge?

The Expert's Sprite Editor is a good example of the positive use of cartridges. Using this utility, sprites can be lifted from commercial software for customization of animation routines. The animation characters can then be saved to tape or disk. Using the new Sprite Editor program these characters can be reloaded and altered to create new characters.

The sprite program gives full facilities to set up to eight animation sprites but allows the creation of over 100 in all. The sprites can be animated to check for collisions, viewed in multi-colour or bi-res, enlarged, flipped, sheared and generally manipulated into the required shapes. This is a lesson to programmers who want to learn animation; few books or magazines can teach the principles so clearly as this does.

Cartridges may be potentially harmful but what is the alternative for serious procurement?

Frontline

For short adaptability and flexibility, The Expert is the best possible key. For convenience it doesn't need to be stored in a volatile RAM ring and disappears if power is disrupted for too long. The RAM is dynamic and will hold the program if the computer is switched off and on quickly, however.

Every time the cartridge is used the operation system has to be booted up and this is the price that must be paid for cheap upgradability (well, this and £1.50 for the new disk).

The addition of the Rocket system has improved The Expert to a point where it can be considered to have no equal. Some cartridges may have the edge here and there, but who really cares if one system beats a mere crowd or two dozen times another? What is important is the overall benefits offered and in this department The Expert cannot be beaten.

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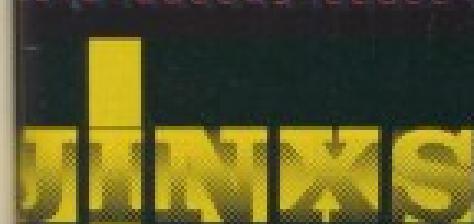
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STINKS



Imagine a cross between Breakout and Pinball; an over-a horizontal scrolling playing area and you will have some idea of what *Stinks* is all about. Needless to say though, the software industry prefers breaking games up in levels and there is the usual leader screen.

You have to guide your wood-crush across the surface of the planet *Stink* in what is described as a unique exploratory research mission. The planet is beautiful yet vicious as enigmas. I'm not surprised seeing that it will resemble a cross between a pinball machine and a breakout game.

Stinks has been released simultaneously on both the C64 and the Amiga and so both formats can easily be compared.

The object is to guide your probe around the planet using your spaceship. Translation, this means hit the ball with your bat. Points are awarded for hitting bricks, some objects that happen to be lying around. As well, there are special objects such as mini worlds that when hit, can help your world by adding extra lives, increasing your bat size, etc.

The bat is straight on one side and angled on the other. Whipping between these two options allows you to control the path of the ball. In practice, the bat tends to disappear off screen and you spend large chunks of the game chasing after it. This is by far the worst implemented part of the game. One of the factors that needs to be avoided is letting your ball fall through a hole in the ground. Frequently, I found that I was getting 'game over' messages with the ball nowhere in sight because I couldn't move the bat quickly enough to catch up. This is especially true on the C64 version which is rendered largely unplayable.

As you move along the playing area, you have to avoid touching any of the moving objects. The first touch reduces your bat to half its usual size. The second touch kills you. But this can be restored by guiding the ball onto the appropriate object.

There are four different sectors to try your luck at. Guiding your ball onto a rotating bat, special objects, take you into a 'bonus sector' although no bonus is given to you score. From here, you can select any of the other sectors to visit by guiding your ball into the appropriate slot. Rotating bats is probably unimplemented because it adds more moving objects to avoid and more bats to fall through. These are effectively three different skill levels as you can alter the speed of the bat and the effects of gravity again.

Graphics look quite slick on the Amiga although each screen takes an age to load in. Conversely, on the C64, all the screens are in memory at the same time but they look fairly rough.

Despite what I have said, the idea behind *Stinks* is quite a good one and gives more thought to the gameplay. It could have been a good game. As it stands, the Amiga version is average while the C64 version is quite dismal.

Technical:

Title: *Stinks*. Supplier: 072 Duxbury Way, Moseley, Birmingham B8 7AL. Price: C64 £4 - £8.99 (say £7.99). Amiga £12.99 - £14.99.

	C64	Amiga
Originality:	3/10	2/10
Graphics:	3/10	2/10
Playability:	3/10	2/10
Value:	3/10	2/10

Relative File Programming

Sort out your troublesome relatives

By Eric Ransay

Following the last three articles in this series we are now at the stage to tackle a relative file. It has been set up and records entered into it. These can be displayed in a browser mode, annotated and even printed out. At the moment, however, they are sorted in any order, appearing as they're been written into the file.

The first record you entered will be record number 1, the last entered record is the last to appear on the screen. Obviously, a file such as this has only limited use, so we need decide on a keyfield variable, and then a sort which will show the records in order according to the keyfield.

The first routine we need is one which will declare the keyfield for the file. You have the option of making this permanent, but I have always programmed so that the keyfield may be changed so that the records can be sorted in any field. This is all the user has to be able to change the keyfield, and to do that it would be a good idea if we displayed the field names for him to look at while he decides.

Declare keyfield routine:

```
400 print("clearscreen"); rem **** clear
the screen
410 print("FIELD",":",nBf); "Name";
tab;"Length"
420 print("or 0 to c
430 print("1 to b777777FIELD (d),
tab;FIELD(0)
440 rem n= print prior "Which FIELD
to sort?"
```

```
450 print("450 rem *** input number
Routine
460 kF=n-1;
470 print("470 rem *** branch to sort
Routine
480 goto 1! Whenever you have the file
read)
```

So far we have the number of the desired field to be keyed in the variable KF. One advantage of doing it this way is that just after a file has been set up and before this routine has been run for the first time, KF will be 0, which happens to be the number of the first field.

Among all the other statements at the beginning of the program, you might like to create a graphic image of the KFB, with two left-graphic R and a Q, like this:

```
1040 {cR][R]
```

I chose the R for the graphic version of the right-graphic on the W key because this graphic symbol does not work in lower case, you get a warning of the record symbol. You might like to alter the graphic symbol in the request for the keyfield number:

```
460 rem a print print "Which FIELD to
"AB"
```

Now we have set up the keyfield variable, it is used inside the field array of the current file, then by starting the keyfield string from each record into

an array to be sorted. We will call the sorting string array RS(KFB). Since this will be an array, it will have to be DIMensioned in the beginning of the program much like all the others we have already dealt with.

Dynamic Arrays

A word of warning - you cannot DIMension this or the other sortarray which we will come to in a moment, using a real number. If we do so, you would only have to write a new record over that number and you would get a syntax error. For this reason, you must use a dynamic array because you cannot tell for each program file how many records you might be going to use, hence the variable number for the DIM. Which variable you use in the dynamic array depends on you.

If you program to halt the run at the 46th new record created, reuse the housekeeping, CLS and then resume the program, you would be able to use the RS variable inside the DIM.

dim sortRS(100)

Or, simpler but using adds much unused variable space, is to use the very maximum number of records that can be written, the AVAIL variable:

dim sortRS(avail)

after which every possible record you might enter has already been

DIMensioned first. You would never get the dreaded 'Bad Subscript Error' message with that, but you might have 100 records in the file and have the arrays DIMensioned for 4000!

The method I use is to POKE all the variables to a free page of RAM, starting at DEC\$100. Everything, field names, lengths, RM and all the other variables not yet mentioned are POKEd there. When RM has increased by 48 from when the program was last RUN, the program executes a CLR and then reads all the locations in memory to get the variables back. The arrays are then re-DIMensioned. The bookkeeping is then saved as a BRAVE to disk for the next time the file is accessed in a program RUN.

With this method it is not possible to exceed the DIMensioned numbers in the arrays, but either is it necessary to set aside huge amounts of variable memory when it is not required. However, I digress slightly.

You must have DIM'd the array RSRTS and RSRTB, either with AVAIL or RM\$0 or 100. Now we will write the first of the sort routines. We have to read the keyfields of all the records currently in the file, read deleted ones into the string array RSRTS, then sort them into alphanumeric order, ending up with the actual record numbers stored in the array RSRTB.

Why the \$? Well, in case you have two and longer arrays before, they use much space on the disk when they are stored. An ordinary number is stored to several decimal places, which is wasteful of space, but an integer is all we need for this application (since there is never a need to read record number 4.667!)

Let us begin the routine. You must have opened the file. The screen is cleared, and the message placed to inform the user what is happening. I have also programmed a display of the record number which is being processed so that the user has something to watch. Time seems to pass more quickly while you watch a number change!

```
4360 rem **** Sort RECORDs
        routine *****
4370 print("Processing")      print
        "RECORD Processing Now"
```

The loop, 1 to the current record number used plus, most important, the variable storing the number of records currently deleted is added to it, DREC

and thus the cursor is HOME'd (without clearing) to show the record being processed, which of course, since PO is the loop name, is PO.

4380 Input#1 to recRecPrint (home) prompt.

Then the record to be read variable is declared as PD: BASIC 2, you have your own, don't forget:

```
4390 recRecPrint$=0: posh 413:posh
        avail$=0: dclnum$=0
4390 (BASIC 2 usage) option posh
4410 posh 4130
```

Although we haven't seen this yet, the following line will be explained in greater detail later. Basically, the loop will detect records deleted, and will find the set character, CHR\$(255). Since that will signal nothing to the sort routine, we declare the test string for this record as the lowest possible value, a String of 'Z'...

```
4400 if zch$=chr$(255) then
        dclnum$="Z": posh 413:posh
        recRecPrint$="Zzzzzzzzzzzzz": posh
        4130
```

ROUTS() is the array which stores the deleted record numbers for future use. They are stored at the time of deletion, but if this is a new sort, the sorted record numbers change, and you would end up overwriting good records if this array was not updated! Now we can look inside the DRSRTS. Notice there is no go to to the field string routine. What for? That would merely slow things down. Instead, AVAIL and the field pointers along with the length of the field array, FIELD0 is used to pick out the field to sort, KP. Thus, because this field might be 50 characters long, LEFTS is used to take the left 13 characters to sort. The key is then sorted. You may use more characters if you wish by increasing this number inside the LEFTS.

```
4410 recRecPrint$=0: posh 413:
        FIELD$=0$,(12)
4420 nextpo
```

At the end of this loop, the entire field has been scanned, the relevant field has been stored in the array RSRTS and we are ready to Sort. FIELD\$ SEPARATED SCAN FOR SORT - ALL BASIC

Yes, don't panic. You should have realized that this routine would not work for you. You require a separate read routine. You will remember that your read record routine reads the record inside a loop, and each with the record mostly inside the array DRSRTS. This routine could be used, except that it is a waste of time reading the entire record when you only need to look at the single field. So if you have used the field separated method, you may take advantage of the fact that you can only read one field at a time. For this application, this method has an advantage. Make these changes to the above:

```
4380 dclnum$=0: DO NOT use
        the Read Routine, 4130
4390 (BASIC 2 usage) option posh
4410
4392 RECORD #1, (pd), (posh)
        posh 3610
4264 RECORD - 2, (pd), (posh)
        posh 3610
```

BASIC2 usage:

```
4393 print #1, "P" + chr$(100)+chr
        255+chr$0: posh 413:posh
4394 print #1, "P"+chr$(100)+chr
        255+chr$0: "Z" + chr$(100)+chr
        255+chr$0: posh 3610
```

Then read the keyfield into the sort string array RSRTB, no need to use DRSRTS.

4396 input #1,recRecPrint\$=3610

And you have achieved the same result: the keyfield of every record in the file is stored in the string array RSRTS. The RSRTB for records which have been deleted are stored as a string of Z characters, making sure that they will be right at the end of the sorted array.

You may like at this stage to store the keyfield string array into another sequential file, to which new records as they are entered into the file may be added. This saves scanning the file many times the file is sorted, but you might not wish to do this. Close the relative file, and use this routine to store the sorted string array:

```
4310 write#01 (mem$+, keydata+-_
        10): dopen #3, "W" + chr$(10), d3,
        w, posh3610
4420 forpart i=rsrtsize, print #3,
        nextpart: nextpo
```

4400 Delete

Now, because this routine will be used for sorting records without scanning the file, the next line skips the INPUT of the sort string array. It shall come to that later.

4400 goto 43!Press ** skip read file**

Now we go into the sort routine. This is the only routine which is not my own. It is based on a routine called 'PerSort' which is public domain and written by Nick Mavropoulos. In fact the original needed some working on, since it suggested that the record number be in the sort string and then restring of the record numbers after the sort was finished, then reading the sorted array into another array for the sort result.

This was all quite cumbersome and actually unnecessary, since the effect of the sort is to shift the pointers in the array RSRT% and does not move the actual data contained in the strings at all.

I removed the need of any second array, which when you might have 4000 records is a terrible waste of valuable space, and the routine works very well for this application. Double check that you have typed it in correctly or the routine will simply not work at all.

4510 print(discreet) "Sorting now... Please Wait."

```
4520 wreg=discreet *** DREC will
be explained later
4530 lset(1)sort(1)(1)=1
4540 wreg=256000: read then return
4550 if w>1 then 1720w > 17 then
    18: w>29 then 19: w>199: w>199
    then 237
4560 lset(1)(k+1)=1: k=k+1: lset(1)
4570 lset(k+1) to a step lset(k)(1)
for p1 to m step k
4580 if notSort(k)>0 then Sort(0) then
    sort(1)(k)=sort(1)(1): sort(1)(1)=sort(1)(k+1)
    then 4590
4590 return
```

Now the records are sorted, but the effect will not be apparent until you have changed the lines which request the records read routine. At present they are simply reading the record number of the file, not the actual record number. In case you find this difficult to grasp, let me explain this further. Your records are presently on the disk, listed in the order in which

you typed them in. They look like this:

RECORD

11 1 21 1 21 1 41 1
21 1 and so on. But the data they contain might be:

11 21 21 11 41 21 21 41 and so on.

At present when you request record number three in the file, you always see the actual record three. Now we have sorted them we have the sorted order in an array, the array for the above RECORDS would be:

RSRT%(1)	(RECORD REQUESTED)
RSRT%(1)=3	(ACTUAL RECORD)
RSRT%(2)=2	
RSRT%(3)=4	
RSRT%(4)=1	
RSRT%(5)=1	

You must remember that any array is really a label, when you request a number inside the brackets of an array you are asking for the label of a particular package, which is something completely different. A bonus of the file shown above, using the sorted record routine RSRT%(3) would look at record number three first, then record two next, then record four, and so on.

You will be unaware of this because you will see record number 1 on the screen, while the file record, that actually read, will be three. If you want to see the file record number you are actually accessing, you should add this to the screen display routine:

```
4600 print"Sorted RECORD No:
    ",wreg," ",lset(1)(1)
    ,lset(1)(1),lset(1)(1))
```

In the last part of the line, we have used the sorted array RSRT% in reverse to get the virtual, the file, record number.

Now the effect on the file has been to arrange the records for display in alphabetical order. But why did we want the deleted records to move a "ZZZZZZZZZZZ" as the RSRT%? Simple. The loop included not only current record numbers, but also deleted records. We shall go into more detail in the next article but if you have declared a loop, FOR PO1 TO 242, then PO Loops 7 times. But if you

read back a string created inside that loop using just 2, FOR PO1 TO 3 then the loop will only read the first 3. Now the string containing "ZZZZZZZZZZ" will have been copied to the end of the array and will not be displayed because they are outside the BN range.

Now you must go through your routines carefully, and change every request for a File Read or Write.

WREC(RN) or WREC(DISP)

to
WREC>RSRT%, (RN) or
WREC>RSRT%, (DISP)
and of course, for the BASIC 2 users,
to
RP>RSRT%,(RN) or
RP>RSRT%,(DISP)

below points to the record pointers routine. To help you, here is a list of the relevant line numbers. Basic 2 users, you declare RP as the relevant RSRT%, before you branch to the record pointers routine.

In the enter records routine, the write record reads the record number as RN, which is correct. But because this record is a new one and the sorted array, RSRT%(3) does not exist for this record. Since the enter records routine adds new records to the end of the file until the next sort, the new record sorted number will be the end record number, which here is RN. Thus we add:

RSRT%,RN=RN

to the Line 298:

2980 wrec=sortfile&1:rn

Now we add the RSRT% to the browse record routine so that the record accessed is the sorted record.

```
2740 trec=sortfile&1:rn *** get
    RECORD number
```

We amend the edit record routine, otherwise we will be amending the wrong record:

3000 wrec=sortfile&1:gosub 4670

Then the lines in the copy routine:

```
3140 raven(1)=wrec: raval=sortfile&1
    2170 disp=raval&raval:gosub 4670
```

And if you wish, you may show the virtual record number in the hardcopy routine from the browse menu.

1230 print #4, "RECORD# Number
"display," of "rec"
Virtual ", record#)

Finally, now that you have a keyfield you might like to display on the screen and on the hierarchy of the file which field is the key. The following lines and changes will do that for you.

```
1230 if#4=1 then print #4,kf$;  
else print #4, :  
1230 print print#(rec#); k#kf$ then  
print#(k, kf$, "display");
```

Now we have to amend the housekeeping file. We need to add a short routine to store and read back the sorted record numbers, as well as the new program control variables. There are many of these to come yet. Here are the complete routines. BASIC 1, I am sure it is not necessary for me to write them for you as well. Just add the new line numbers, the open statements are the same.

```
200 n13=LEPTS- ("BSE."  
"NAMES","-",16)  
210 dopen#3, "n13.BS", wopen#3  
220 print #3,record#; go to 260  
230 for #3 to 9  
240 print #3,FILE#3; go to 260  
250 print #3,FILE#3; go to 260  
260 goto  
270 forpo#3  
280 print #3,record#; go to 260  
290 next po  
300 dclose#3; go to 260  
310 return  
And the Read Housekeeping.  
  
320 n13=LEPTS ("BSE" "NAMES,"  
"-",16)  
330 dopen #3, (n13), ropen#3  
340 input #3, record#; go to 380  
350 for #3 to 9  
360 input #3, FILE#3; go to 380  
370 input #3, FILE#3; go to 380  
380 next  
390 forpo#3  
400 input #3, record#; go to 380  
410 next po  
420 dclose#3  
430 return
```

Searching on the Keyfield

Now you have gone to all this trouble to sort the records, you may take advantage of it. After the sort, the records appear on the screen, in alphabetical order as you know, one after

another through the file. This is all very well, but if you have 4000 records, it would take a lot of tedium to find the particular entry you need.

Of course, you could use the goto option on the search menu, but locating the individual record would still take some time. What we need is a search on the keyfield. This is the search routine I presented in a previous article, which will find any entry in the keyfield in 9 or less reads from 4000 records!

How does it work? It is actually quite simple. Imagine you had a card file of names in alphabetical order. There is no marking in the card file showing where each letter begins or ends; how would you look for one name in that file?

You would look at a card about the middle of the card file, and compare the name there with the name you are looking for. If the name is "less than" at a lower alphabetical name, you would look in the previous half of the file for another sample. If the card you selected was higher, you would look in the next half of the file. When you get close to it, you would look at individual cards until you found the name you were looking for or you knew it was not present.

Keyfield Search

Do not forget, you must have opened the relative file for accessing. BASIC 1 users, you must have opened the Error Chassis 15.

First, the code sets up read counter, the N13/16 counter is set to 0. This will be explained in a moment. The request string is inputed into #3.

```
350 n13=record#  
360 print "Enter Search Data:"  
370 input #3
```

Now we come to the processing. BN is the beginning number which is the number of records divided by 2, in other words, the routine finds the middle of the file. The BN variable is the number which will be processed from now on.

```
380 bn=(bn/2)+bn/2
```

The record number is assigned into LEPTS. Note the RS1710 array find the sorted record number. This is important.

```
390 rs1710(record#)
```

BASIC 2:

```
3670 ropen#3,(n13),go to 4104
```

Then the record is read. Field separated method users would probably be as well to copy the single field read method I used in the third article for the sorted keyfield string RSRTS, or to write their own subroutine.

```
3671 RECORD #3, (rec#), (display);  
go to 4105
```

```
3672 RECORD #3, (rec#), (display);  
go to 4105
```

```
3680 input #3, (display); go to 4105
```

Using the last function the keyfield string is searched for the request name. If the match is found then the REC# is declared as the number for reading and the display number is quoted for the display record routine. (Otherwise there will be blanks on the RECORD# screen.) The counter to show a position search result, TV, is set to 1, and then the routine branches back to the display part of the browse routine so that the matched record is displayed.

```
3690 go to 4120; go to 4098; then  
(display);
```

```
>Other relevant routines(browse/print  
data) tv=1 go to 2150
```

But the record read might not provide a match. In that case, the routine continues into 3690, where the BN variable is again halved, leaving the effect of quartering the file. A quick check is made in case the BN variable has been halved to less than 1. If it has then the Judge variable is set to one for one last try. This is because some files will have many records with very similar keyfields, taking a disproportionate number of entries in a particular part of the file. The Judge allows one more read.

```
3690 bn=(bn/2)+(bn/2)-1; then  
next record#;
```

If the Judge variable has already been set to one, then the routine ends, displays the "File not found" message, and returns to the Browse with the record number changed to the nearest record found to the match request. This is useful to move the file display to a particular part of the file even when you know the requested string will not be found.

300) if $m > 1$ then print "file Not Found." else step 2
otherwise (attribute disjoint file) go to step 2700.

Now we do the comparison: if the requested branch string, *N1*, is greater than that? i.e., a higher alphanumeric value, then the keyfield string just read, then the halved processing number *BN* is added to the *BN* number to give the next record number to inspect, and the routine branches back to the next record read.

Likewise, if the value of the string read is "less than" the string requested, then the "halved" number BN is deducted from the BN pointer. In this way the file is repeatedly halved until the record is found or the searched variable is greater than 1, showing that the record is not present in the file.

2110 ifd > dipPhi() then
b1=bit1+bit2>100
2120 ifd < dipPhi() then b1=bit1
bit2>100

You remember that a display counter X was set to 1. This is indicated by

display the keyfield of the searched record in reverse, for underline Commodore 128 (80 columns user). If you wish, you make like to change the lines in this display records routine to reflect this.

4000 blyrs' landward transport; "in land
place reverse or underline character?"
4000 units each year.

Rule 2: Entity Search

Without the very fast and works DSIRE routine, BASIC 2 users will have to use their own search/comparison routine at the end of the search. The lines are as follows:

and pairs 1022-3 and three
immature ducklings
described by us (see 2756).

The remainder is the same except that you listed this small subroutine to compute the strings, and to return the result. See:

The search result is first set to `None`. If the length of the search string is longer than the length of the field string to be searched it would be a waste of time to continue, so if this is the case

then the reading return

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these years.

Then the search loop is started to the length of the field string minus the length of the search string.

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Using MIDE, the field string is scanned from left to right until there is one character less than the length of SR. If a match is found then the loop is closed and the SR result is set to 1.

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After the loop has finished, DBSTOP has been started without result, so the routine RETURNs with \$10 as R.

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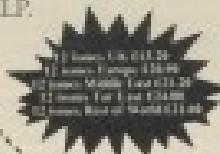
There is the keyfield search. In the next article I will provide the routines for deleting records, and a sequential search method which will find any data anywhere within a file.

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Get it right first time with our delete program system for the C64.

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Instead of those many graphics and rows of countless spaces in PRINT statements and strings we use a special coding system. The code, or mnemonic, is always contained in square brackets and you'll soon learn to decipher their meaning.

For example, [SA] would mean type a Shifted A, or an ace of spades in layman's terms, and [S@10] would mean a row of ten of those symbols.

[S@2] means hold down the shift key and press the plus key twice. It doesn't take a great leap of logic to realize that [C@2] means exactly the same thing except that the Command key (bottom left of the keyboard) is held down instead of the shift key.

If more than two spaces appear in a statement then they will be printed as [SPC4] etc., exceptionally, [NSPC4]. Translated into English this means press the spacebar four times or at the latter case hold the shift key down while you do it.

A string of special characters could appear as:

CTRL N, DOWNLEFTSRBLDF,

This would be achieved by holding

down the CTRL key as you press N, press the cursor key down twice, then twice left key five times, press the key marked BLDF while holding down the CTRL key, press the FF key and finally hold the Command/Control key down while pressing the number two key (C2 would of course make the computer wait in freeze).

Always remember that you should only have a row of graphics characters on your screen with no square brackets and no commas, unless something like this appears:

[S@1C@1]

In this case the two characters should have a comma between them.

On rare occasions [REV T] will appear in a listing. This is a delete symbol and is created by entering the line up to this mnemonic, then type a double quotation mark, press T at 2 and delete it. This gets the computer out of quoted mode. Hold down the T key, and press the number nine key (REVERSE), type the relevant number of reversed T's and then hold down CTRL and press zero [REVFFP]. Next type another quotation mark and delete it again. Now finish the line and press RETURN.

A list of these special cases is given in the table but remember that only one of these mnemonics will appear outside of a PRINT using the symbol for ps. This may appear when its value is needed in a calculation so this may look something like:

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Checksum Program

The hexidecimal numbers appearing in a column to the left of the listing should not be typed in with the program. These are merely checksum values and are there to help you get back in right. Don't worry if you don't understand the hexidecimal system, as long as you can compare two characters in the screen with the corresponding two characters in the magazine, you can use our free checking program.

Type in the Checksum Program, make sure that you're not made any mistakes and save it to tape or disk

immediately because it will be used with most of the present and future listings appearing in Your Commodore.

At the start of each programming session, load Checksum and run it. The screen will turn brown with yellow characters and each time you type in a line and press the RETURN key a number will appear on the screen in white. This should be the same as the corresponding value in the magazine.

If the two values don't agree with one another, you have not copied the line exactly as printed so go back and check each character carefully. When you find the error simply correct it and

press RETURN again.

If you want to turn off the checker simply type K9M9H152 and the screen will return to the familiar blue colours. You can then do whatever it was you wanted to do and if this doesn't use the area where Checksum has you can go back to it with the same BYE command.

This system is foolproof for the chances of two errors cancelling one. Many of the listings are presented in lower case. To type your computer to lower case mode press the Commodore key and the SHIFT key at the same time.

Mnemonic Symbol Keypress

[RIGHT]		CTRL & SHIFT & right
[LEFT]		SHIFT & CTRL & left/right
[DOWN]		CTRL up/down
[UP]		SHIFT & CTRL up/down
[P]		P key
[D]		SHIFT & P key
[T]		D key
[F]		SHIFT & D key
[G]		D key
[H]		SHIFT & D key
[J]		SHIFT & H key
[K]		H key
[L]		SHIFT & H key
[HOME]		CLR/HOME
[CLR]		SHIFT & CLR/HOME
[BSNS]		CTRL & 9
[BSNOFF]		CTRL & 0

Mnemonic Symbol Keypress

[BLACK]		CTRL & 1
[WHITE]		CTRL & 2
[RED]		CTRL & 3
[CYAN]		CTRL & 4
[PURPLE]		CTRL & 5
[GREEN]		CTRL & 6
[BLUE]		CTRL & 7
[YELLOW]		CTRL & 8
[POUND]		9
[LARROW]		←
[RARROW]		→
[P]		SHIFT & P
[INST]		SHIFT & INST/DEL
[REV T]		not rev
[Clear]		CRM + clear
[Sleter]		SHIFT + clear

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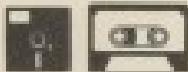
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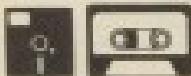
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40      PRINTSTR EQU 3401E   380
50      PRINTEND EQU 380CD   390      ***      NAME LOOP      ***
60      PLOT    EQU 3F7F0   400
70      GETIN   EQU 3F7FA   410      GET KEYPRESS.
80      PRINT    EQU 38716   420
90      :               430      TRSTKEY    JER GETIN
100     :CLEAN THE SCREEN. 440      BEQ TESTKEY
110     :               450
120     JER CLR    460      IF F1. EXIT FROM PROGRAM.
130     :               470
140     PRINT HEADER. 480      CMN F133
150     :               490      BEQ EXIT
160     LDA #TEXT    500
170     LDY #TEXT    510      IF COLUMNS 40 ADJUST TO NEXT LINE

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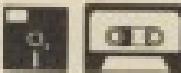
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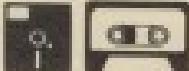
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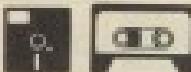
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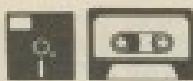
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Correction to *Easy Basic Toolkit* (June '88):

Saver Program:

The last line here in line 80 should be 104 NOT 137.

Tape users should type POKER.BAS#15,1 after running.

All users should then type SYS#6768 to start the save.

Code program: The following lines were miss-printed.

Type #4800 DATA

12,40,186,230,231,76,184,196,199,229,

4,298,10,31,39,1930

Type #4430 DATA

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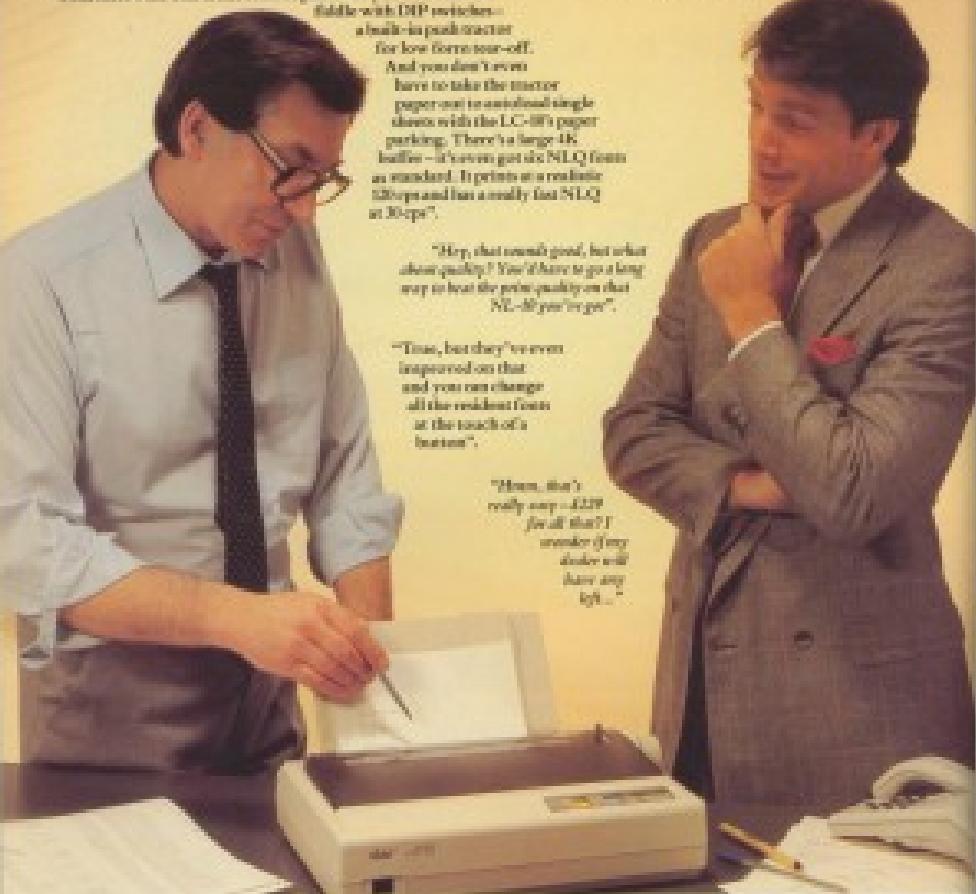
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